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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Term
ADR	adverse drug reaction
AE	adverse event
ALP	alkaline phosphatase
ALT	alanine aminotransferase
AST	aspartate aminotransferase
BID	Twice a day
BP	blood pressure
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
C	Celsius
CBC	complete blood cell count
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CI	Confidence interval
CNS	Central nervous system
eCRF	Electronic Case Report Form
CT	computed tomography
CTCAE	Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events
ECOG	Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
GCP	Good Clinical Practice
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
IFN	Interferon
IL-6	Interleukin-6
IRB	Institutional Review Board
IV	Intravenous(ly)
L	Liter
LDH	Lactate dehydrogenase
mL	Milliliter(s)
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
NGS	Next-generation sequencing
NCI	National Cancer Institute
NK (cell)	Natural killer cell
OS	Overall survival
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PFS	Progression-free survival
PT	Prothrombin time
PTT	Partial thromboplastin time
RCC	Renal cell cancer
SAE	Serious adverse event
TNF	Tumor necrosis factor

Abbreviation	Term
ULN	Upper limit of normal
US	United States
VEGRF	Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor
WBC	White blood cell count

SYNOPSIS

Protocol number:	
Title:	Targeting of Renal Cell Cancer with Specific Inhibitors: A Model for Selective Adaptive Medicine Based on Molecular Alterations
Study Sites:	Single center, US
Patient Population:	Renal cell cancer patients
Number of Patients:	100
Study Duration:	32 months
Study Design:	<p>This will be a prospective, one-arm, proof of concept study designed to evaluate the efficacy of algorithm-based allocation (based on genomic/proteomic profile) of first-line therapy in renal cell carcinoma (RCC).</p> <p>After eligibility review, patients will receive one of the four first-line therapy agents based on their tumor's genomic/proteomic profile. Upon disease progression, patients will then receive one of two second-line agents based on their tumor's genomic/proteomic profile.</p> <p>Because this is a proof-of-concept study, the sample size is based on feasibility of accrual. The clinic should be able to recruit 100 patients within a reasonable timeframe for the study. The number of patients receiving each drug will vary based on the frequency of molecular alterations in the population. Therefore, groups will not be compared with one another – our research goal is to determine whether the progression-free survival (PFS) for each drug is improved over the PFS reported in FDA approval trials for each drug when they are assigned based on molecular analysis.</p>
Rationale	Treatment for RCC is administered empirically. Administration of FDA-approved drugs based on results of testing for DNA, RNA, and protein markers should result in better outcomes for patients and reduce the burden of treatment relative to empiric therapy.
Objectives:	<p><u>Primary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomarker-guided selection of molecular-targeted agents for the treatment of renal cell carcinoma
Dosing and Administration:	See Appendix E
Eligibility Criteria:	<p><u>Inclusion Criteria</u></p> <p>Subjects may be included in the study only if they meet all of the following inclusion criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathologically confirmed renal cell carcinoma. • No prior systemic and/or investigative therapy of any kind. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patients with primary tumor in place are strongly encouraged to undergo nephrectomy prior to initiation of study agent. ○ Prior palliative radiotherapy to metastatic lesion(s) is permitted. Patient must have adequately recovered from the acute toxicities of this treatment. ○ All major surgery of any type and/or radiotherapy must be completed at least 4 weeks prior to registration.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have progressive metastatic disease • ECOG performance status ≤ 2 • Women of childbearing potential and male patients must use acceptable methods of contraception—tubal ligation, vasectomy, barrier contraceptive with spermicide—while on study and for 3 months after the last dose of study therapy. Oral, implantable, or injectable contraceptives may be affected by cytochrome P450 interactions, and are therefore not considered effective for this study. • Age ≥ 18 years • Required Initial Laboratory Values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Granulocytes $\geq 1,500/\mu\text{L}$ ○ Platelet Count $\geq 100,000/\mu\text{L}$ ○ Hemoglobin $\geq 9 \text{ g/dL}$ ○ AST/ALT ≤ 2.5 times the upper limit of normal (ULN) ○ Alk. Phos. $\leq 2.5 \times \text{ULN}$ ○ Serum bilirubin $\leq 1.5 \times \text{ULN}$ ○ Amylase/Lipase within normal range ○ Urinalysis $\leq 1+$ protein ○ Pregnancy test for women Negative ○ Serum creatinine $\leq 1.5 \times \text{ULN}$ ○ Electrocardiogram (ECG) no active ischemia ○ Echocardiogram ejection fraction $\geq 40\%$ ○ Pulmonary function tests ○ Fasting serum cholesterol $\leq 300 \text{ mg/dL}$ OR $\leq 7.75 \text{ mmol/L}$ AND fasting triglycerides $\leq 2.5 \times \text{ULN}$. NOTE: In case one or both of these thresholds are exceeded, the patient can only be included after initiation of appropriate lipid lowering medication. • No clinical symptoms of hypothyroidism • Signed informed consent prior to the performance of any study-specific procedures <p><u>Exclusion Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing hemoptysis, or cerebrovascular accident within 12 months prior to study entry, or peripheral vascular disease with claudication occurring upon walking less than one city block, or history of clinically significant bleeding. • Deep venous thrombosis or pulmonary embolus within 12 months prior to study entry and no ongoing need for full-dose oral or parenteral anticoagulation. For maintenance of catheter patency daily prophylactic aspirin or low-dose coumadin (1-2 mg) is allowed. • Evidence of current central nervous system (CNS) metastases.
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	<p>All patients must undergo a CT scan of the brain (with contrast, if possible) within 42 days prior to registration. Any imaging abnormality indicative of active CNS metastases will exclude the patient from the study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant cardiovascular disease defined as congestive heart failure (New York Heart Association Class II, III or IV) angina pectoris requiring nitrate therapy, or recent myocardial infarction (within the preceding 6 months prior to study entry). • Uncontrolled hypertension (defined as blood pressure of ≥ 160 mmHg systolic and/or ≥ 90 mmHg diastolic on medication). Document over 48 hours with minimum of 3 readings. • Ongoing requirement for systemic corticosteroid therapy (except replacement therapy for adrenal insufficiency) or other immunosuppressants are not permitted. Topical and/or inhaled steroids are allowed. • Uncontrolled psychiatric disorder. • Delayed healing of wounds, ulcers, and/or bone fractures. • -Currently active second malignancy other than non-melanoma skin cancers. Patients are not considered to have a -currently active malignancy if they have completed anti-cancer therapy and are considered by their physician to be a less than 30% risk of relapse. • Pregnant or nursing. Because there is an unknown but potential risk for adverse events in nursing infants secondary to treatment of the mother, breastfeeding should be discontinued if the mother is treated. • Other concurrent severe and/or uncontrolled medical disease which could compromise participation in the study (i.e., uncontrolled diabetes, severe infection, severe malnutrition, ventricular arrhythmias, chronic liver or renal disease, active upper GI tract ulceration). • A known history of HIV seropositivity. • Impairment of gastrointestinal function or gastrointestinal disease that may significantly alter the absorption of oral molecular targeted agents (e.g., ulcerative disease, uncontrolled nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, malabsorption syndrome or small bowel resection).
Study Evaluations:	<p><u>Safety</u> Safety will be assessed by vital sign measurements, clinical laboratory tests, physical examinations and the incidence and severity of adverse events (graded according to CTCAE v 4.0.).</p> <p><u>Anti-tumor Activity</u> Anti-tumor activity will be assessed via PFS. Tumor response and progression will be defined according to RECIST 1.1 criteria.</p> <p><u>Correlative studies</u> Next-generation sequencing analysis using a specific RCC panel will be conducted to assess molecular alterations in patient samples.</p>

	<p>Protocol Discontinuation Criteria:</p> <p><u>Off-treatment</u> may occur due to one or more of the following (note: patients off-treatment should continue to be followed for all protocol assessments):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse event • Progression of disease (compared to baseline assessment) • Investigator decision • Non-compliance with protocol <p><u>Off-study</u> may occur due to one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death • Lost to follow-up • Withdrawal of consent • Completion of protocol study period • Administrative study closure
Statistical Methods	<p><i>Analysis of Primary Endpoint</i></p> <p>The primary endpoint will be PFS on both first-line and second-line therapy. The PFS is defined as the time elapsed between treatment initiation and tumor progression or death from any cause, with censoring of patients who are lost to follow-up. The median PFS will be determined for each drug in both first-line and second-line therapy, and survival curves will be plotted using the Kaplan-Meier method. PFS will be reported as median and 95% confidence interval.</p> <p>Analysis of the secondary endpoint, exploratory endpoints, and subgroup will be carried out using appropriate statistical methods and descriptive statistics.</p> <p><i>Interim Analysis and Monitoring</i></p> <p>The data will be reviewed by the expert committee after 50% of the patients are enrolled. The committee will review safety and efficacy data. Ineffective treatment arms, if any, will be dropped.</p>

1 BACKGROUND

Significant issues remain unanswered at key decision points in the management of patients with renal cell cancer (RCC). As many as 20%–30% of RCC patients who are treated surgically develop metastases. In addition, up to 50% of patients with RCC present with stage III (locally advanced) or stage IV disease, and the 5-year survival rates for these patients are <2%.¹ The approval of molecular targeted agents for the treatment of advanced RCC has provided many therapeutic options. Improved understanding of cancer biology and advances in biotechnology in recent years have brought us ever closer to the concept of personalized treatment of RCC. A key component of personalized treatment is the development of biomarkers that can guide the application of new and existing treatments. This requires a thorough understanding of the relationship between the biomarker and a treatment effect.²

The goal of our multidisciplinary research program is to improve therapeutic outcomes in patients with renal epithelial neoplasms by using a genomics and proteomics approach to detect mutational target abnormalities in these tumors and thus to improve therapeutic success by selecting the treatments most appropriate for an individual's molecular profile. These gene and protein alterations can be classified into a number of clinically targetable pathways or functional groups: cell-cycle-associated factor alterations, PI3K/mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) pathway alterations, growth factor receptor alterations, or Ras/MAPK pathway alterations.¹

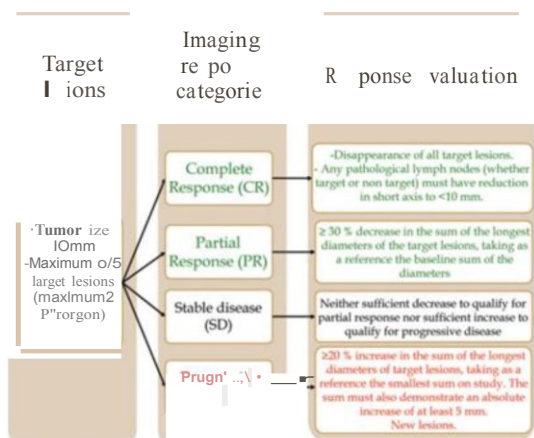
Targeted therapies have introduced a paradigm shift in the management of metastatic RCC. Efficacy and tolerability data for sunitinib, sorafenib, pazopanib, temsirolimus, everolimus, axitinib, and cabozatinib have provided pivotal first- and second-line data supporting the benefits of novel targeted therapies for the management of metastatic RCC. It is difficult to sort out the rationale supporting the use of one first-line agent relative to another. It is even more challenging to identify a rationale for choosing the subsequent line of therapy. Sequencing schemes for patients with clear cell or even non-clear cell histological subtype are generally chosen empirically, and it remains unknown which sequence(s) are more effective than others.²

There are several issues of clinical importance that have not been adequately addressed to date regarding targeted therapy for RCC. (1) The optimum sequence of administration of effective agents remains unknown. (2) Biomarkers known to be predictive of treatment response will be used for selecting treatments. (3) Biomarkers predictive of therapeutic effectiveness need to be established. Prognostic biomarkers separate patients into subgroups with expected failure risk and demonstrate that this separation can improve outcome by indicating the need for more aggressive treatment. Biomarker-assessed assignment is restricted to patients with the specific biomarker values.

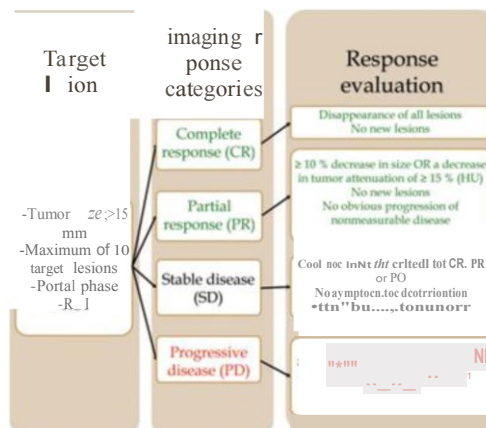
Traditionally, two important endpoints in clinical trials are tumor shrinkage (objective response) and time to disease progression (progression-free survival [PFS]). Targeted antiangiogenic therapy for metastatic RCC is cytostatic rather than cytotoxic, which results in decreased angiogenesis/tumor growth, therefore decreasing tumor enhancement but not significantly shrinking the tumor. RECIST 1.1 is a size-based response evaluation criteria; thus, there is poor correlation between response category assessed on RECIST 1.1 and clinical benefit from targeted therapy. Therefore, newer response assessments have been developed to incorporate changes in enhancement and development of necrosis rather than relying on tumor regression. This would help better discriminate patients with early tumor progression from those with progression free disease and increased survival.³⁻⁹

1.1 Current and Novel Response Assessment Methodologies (Figure 1)

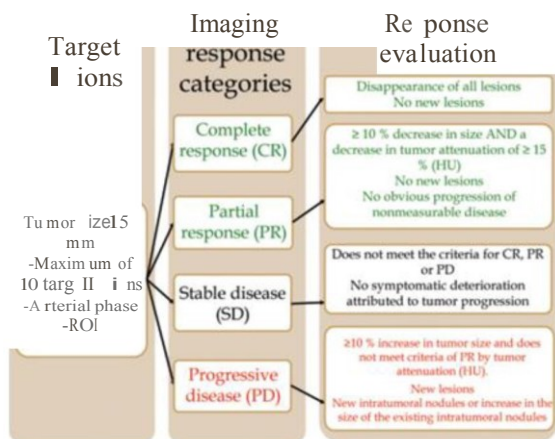
RECIST 1.1 - SIZE based



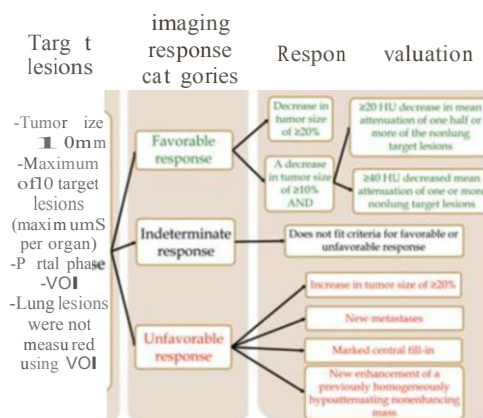
CHOI criteria -SIZE OR DENSITY BASED



Modified Choi criteria -SIZE and ENHANCEMENT



SACT criteria -SIZE, DENSITY, ENHANCEMENT AND 3D VOLUMETRIC MEASUREMENTS



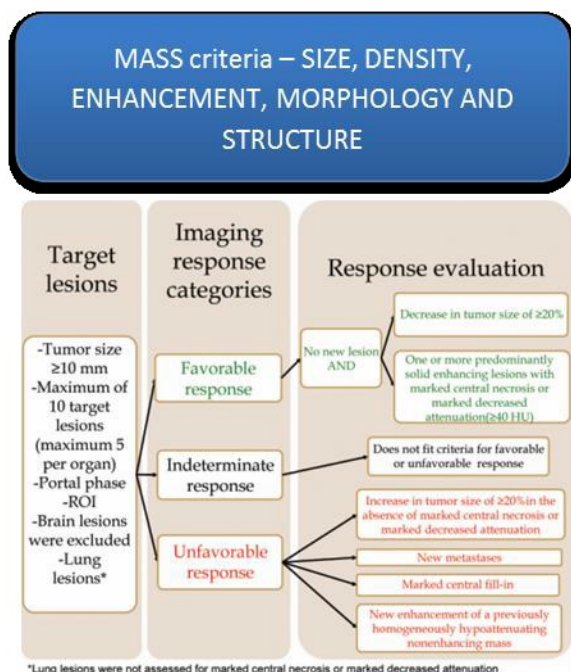


Figure 1. Diagrams summarizing various response criteria used in response assessment to targeted antiangiogenic therapy in metastatic renal cell carcinoma. Reprinted from Blanca et al, Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma: Radiologic Findings and Assessment of Response to Targeted Antiangiogenic Therapy by using Multidetector CT, *RadioGraphics* 2013; 33:1691–1716

Molecular profiling holds promise for guiding oncologists in the choice of individualized therapy for each patient. This profiling can be explored at different levels, such as the gene expression (genomics) and protein expression (proteomics) level. Each of these levels gives different but complementary information about the molecular characteristics of an individual tumor. The clinical applications of molecular profiling include categorizing prognosis, predicting treatment efficacy, and subgrouping of patients. Molecular profiling is the key to better understanding the initiation and prognosis of RCC, which can lead to the development of targeted therapy options.

1.2 PRELIMINARY STUDIES

Comprehensive analysis of the genome sequence of individual cancers has helped uncover the specific mutations that contribute to the malignant phenotype, identify new targets for therapy, and increase the opportunities for choosing the optimal treatment for each patient. Dividing each tissue sample into subtypes with unique molecular alterations associated with different outcomes and different responses to particular therapies will improve outcomes.

Emerging preclinical evidence suggests that resistance is mediated via tumor and environmental changes that enable continued perfusion and tumor growth that becomes less reliant on VEGF over time.¹⁰ Furthermore, elements downstream of receptor blockade, such as hypoxia-

inducible factor (HIF) and protein kinase B (Akt), in addition to pathways independent of VEGF or mTOR, could drive tumor growth despite adequate blockade of these targets. For example, von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) renal cysts can be precursors to RCC.¹¹ The VHL gene encodes a tumor suppressor protein (pVHL) that interacts with HIF, a -master regulator of many genes.¹² The inactive form of the VHL gene is linked to tumor development through loss of pVHL. Thus, loss of pVHL is a key signaling event leading to tumor progression in RCC that involves multiple growth factors.^{13,14}

These considerations provide a rational basis for sequential therapy targeting these escape elements. Specifically, drugs targeting VEGF ligand and its downstream effectors, including the VEGF receptor 2 and PI3K-mTOR, have become the cornerstone of renal cancer treatment. Understanding these key molecular pathways implicated in the tumorigenesis of RCC has crystallized in the development of more effective therapies (Figure 2). We will concentrate on surveying the targets and attendant pathways of the following drugs and their effects on interrelated and downstream signaling molecules: first-line therapies approved for metastatic RCC, including **Sorafenib** (a Raf kinase inhibitor),¹⁵ **Sunitinib** (inhibits VEGFR2, PDGF receptor [PDGFR], FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3 [FLT-3], and c-Kit; down-regulates the expression of p-STAT3; and inhibits T regulatory cells and myeloid-derived suppressor cells),¹⁶ **Temsirolimus** (highly specific for inhibition of mTOR kinase),¹⁷ and **Pazopanib** (inhibits a broad spectrum of kinases, including VEGFR1-3, PDGFR- α and - β , and c-Kit).¹⁸ Approved second-line therapies include **Everolimus** (highly specific for inhibition of mTOR kinase),¹⁹ **Axitinib** (an inhibitor of VEGFR1-3, PDGF receptor, and cKIT),²⁰ and **Cabozatinib** (an inhibitor of the tyrosine kinases MET, VEGF receptors, AXL, and RET).²¹

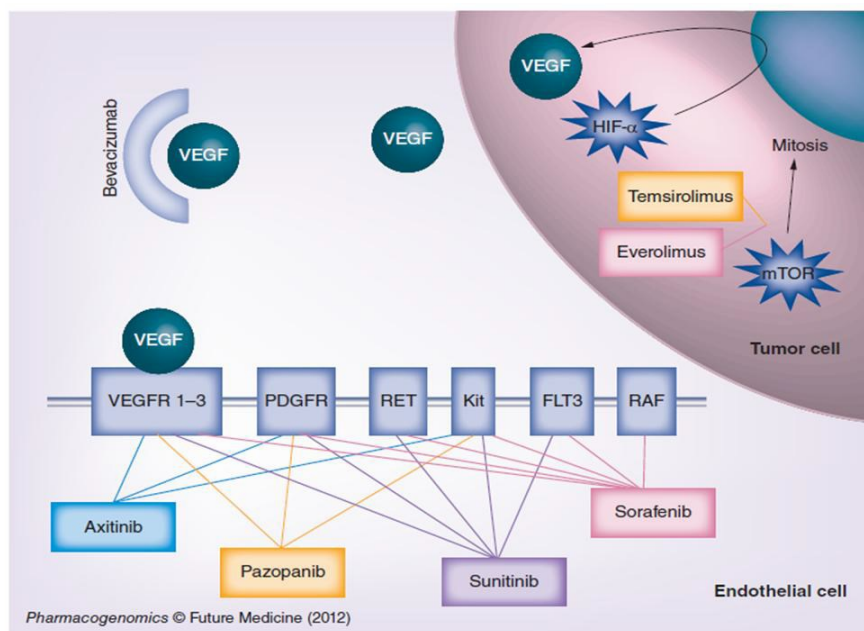


Figure 2. Pharmacogenetics of anti-angiogenic inhibitors targeting the VEGF signaling pathway. Reprinted from: Rodríguez-Antona & García-Donas et al. Pharmacogenomics (2012)

We hypothesize that assessing the functionality and activity of key cancer signaling proteins can identify biomarkers that will assist oncologists in selecting the most appropriate therapy for individual patients. We further propose that detecting driver mutations, gene expression profiling, and evaluating the activity of involved signaling proteins will permit a better understanding of the

key signaling networks associated with cancer cell survival, uncontrolled cell growth, metastases, and therapeutic resistance; this information could be used to more accurately predict patient outcomes.

Previous studies have indicated that the tissue of origin may be less relevant to response to therapy and prognosis than the causative mutations from a metastatic site. Therefore, we will collect tissue throughout the trial and incorporate a real-time assessment of biomarkers to assist in directing therapy. This is particularly important in RCC, which is often treated with a sequence of agents. Repeated testing of tissues will provide evidence supporting the best order in which to administer treatment agents.

1.2.1 Background On Therapeutic Agents

Table 1. Approval studies for RCC drugs.

Drug	Development stage	Approval trial	Targets	PFS, mos.	Setting	Reference
Sorafenib	Approved	Phase III: vs. placebo	VEGFR1-3, PDGFR, Kit, FLT3, RET, RAF	5.5	Second line, ccRCC after cytokines	15
Sunitinib	Approved	Phase III: vs. IFN- α Phase III: alone vs. IFN- α vs. plus IFN- α	VEGFR1-3, PDGFR, Kit, FLT3, RET	11	First line, ccRCC	16
Temsirolimus	Approved	Phase III: vs. placebo	mTOR	5.5	First line, poor prognosis, any histology	17
Pazopanib	Approved	Phase III: vs. placebo	VEGFR1-3, PDGFR, Kit	9.2	First line, ccRCC	18
Axitinib	Approved	Phase III: vs. sorafenib	VEGFR1-3, PDGFR, Kit	4.8	Second line, after TKI or cytokines	19
Everolimus	Approved	Phase III: vs. placebo	mTOR	4	After TKI progression or intolerance	20
Cabozatinib	Approved	Phase III: vs. everolimus	MET, VEGFRs, AXL, RET	7.4	After TKI progression, ccRCC	21

ccRCC, clear cell renal cell carcinoma

By treating based on molecular alterations instead of pathology, we will be applying rational treatment assignment to less-prevalent forms of RCC such as papillary and chromophobic types. Non-clear cell RCCs are under-studied, and effective treatment options for this population are lacking.

The successful accomplishment of this proposal has the potential to yield treatment algorithms for rational treatment selection that assign the optimal treatment to the optimal patient, using FDA-approved agents and assigning them based on individual tumor markers. This treatment optimization would benefit patients directly by improving outcome as well as by decreasing exposure to toxic yet ineffective agents. Administering the molecular targeted agent(s) most likely to be effective for each patient has the additional benefit of also decreasing their economic

health burden. Successful proof of our concept has the promise for application to other solid tumors.

2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 Primary

Biomarker-guided selection of molecular-targeted agents for the treatment of RCC (Figure 3)

- Assess efficiency of algorithm-based allocation to treatment in first-line and second-line treatment of metastatic renal cell carcinoma, using progression free survival as the primary endpoint
 - Molecularly characterize initial metastatic biopsy to choose a first-line targeted agent
 - Upon tumor progression, obtain a second metastatic biopsy to determine acquired resistance and adaption in molecular alterations and select the appropriate second-line agent for treatment

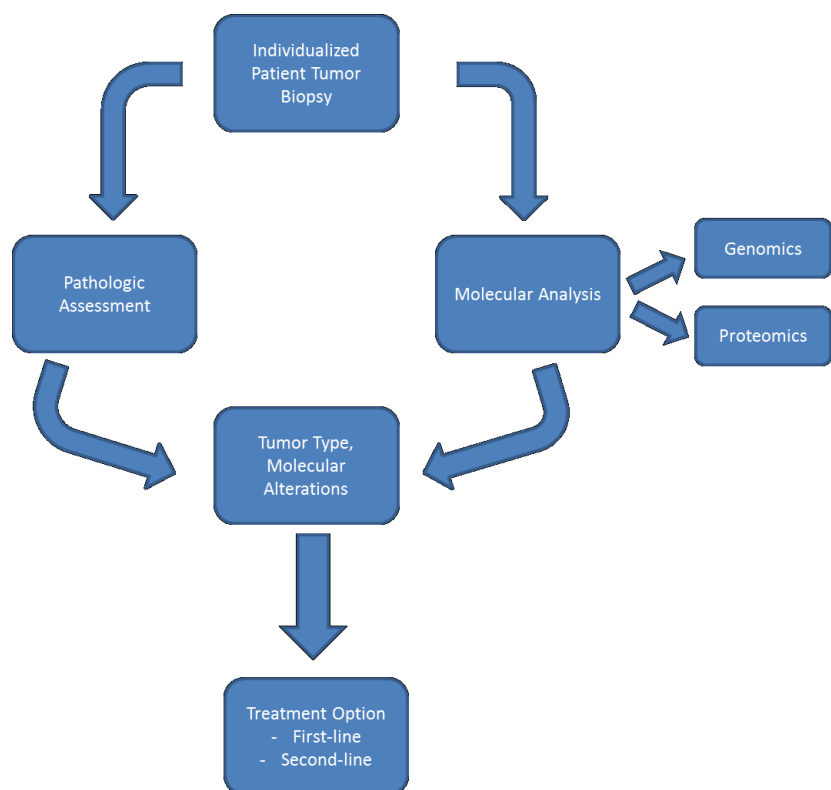


Figure 3. Biomarker-guided treatment selection

- Prospectively compare RECIST 1.1 with MASS criteria and 3D segmentation and quantification on follow-up scans to assess which criteria or parameter performs better in identifying progressive disease.
 - We hypothesize that the degree of enhancement on pre-treatment imaging could prospectively predict response to antiangiogenic therapy and PFS

- We hypothesize that degree of response on the first post-therapy scan by MASS criteria and 3D quantification could identify early response assessment of an antiangiogenic effect, which could serve as a biomarker to prospectively predict PFS

3 PATIENT ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Inclusion Criteria

- Pathologically confirmed renal cell carcinoma.
- No prior systemic and/or investigative therapy of any kind.
 - Patients with primary tumor in place are strongly encouraged to undergo nephrectomy prior to initiation of study agent.
 - Prior palliative radiotherapy to metastatic lesion(s) is permitted. Patient must have adequately recovered from the acute toxicities of this treatment.
 - All major surgery of any type and/or radiotherapy must be completed at least 4 weeks prior to registration.
- Must have progressive metastatic disease
- ECOG performance status ≤ 2
- Women of childbearing potential and male patients must use acceptable methods of contraception; tubal ligation, vasectomy, barrier contraceptive with spermicide while on study and for 3 months after the last dose of study therapy. Oral, implantable, or injectable contraceptives may be affected by cytochrome P450 interactions, and are therefore not considered effective for this study.
- Age ≥ 18 years
- **Required Initial Laboratory Values:**
 - Granulocytes $\geq 1,500/\mu\text{L}$
 - Platelet Count $\geq 100,000/\mu\text{L}$
 - Hemoglobin $\geq 9 \text{ g/dL}$
 - AST/ALT $\leq 2.5 \times$ upper limit of normal (ULN)
 - Alk. Phos. $\leq 2.5 \text{ ULN}$
 - Serum bilirubin $\leq 1.5 \times \text{ULN}$
 - Amylase/Lipase within normal range
 - Urinalysis $\leq 1+$ protein
 - Pregnancy test for women Negative
 - Serum creatinine $\leq 1.5 \times \text{ULN}$
 - Electrocardiogram (ECG) no active ischemia
 - Echocardiogram ejection fraction $\geq 40\%$
 - Pulmonary function tests

- Fasting serum cholesterol ≤ 300 mg/dL OR ≤ 7.75 mmol/L AND fasting triglycerides $\leq 2.5 \times$ ULN. NOTE: In case one or both of these thresholds are exceeded, the patient can only be included after initiation of appropriate lipid lowering medication.
- No clinical symptoms of hypothyroidism
- Signed informed consent prior to the performance of any study-specific procedures

3.2 Exclusion Criteria

- Ongoing hemoptysis, or cerebrovascular accident within 12 months prior to study entry, or peripheral vascular disease with claudication occurring upon walking less than one city block, or history of clinically significant bleeding.
- Deep venous thrombosis or pulmonary embolus within 12 months prior to study entry and no ongoing need for full-dose oral or parenteral anticoagulation. For maintenance of catheter patency daily prophylactic aspirin or low-dose coumadin (1-2 mg) is allowed.
- Evidence of current central nervous system (CNS) metastases. All patients must undergo a CT scan of the brain (with contrast, if possible) within 42 days prior to registration. Any imaging abnormality indicative of active CNS metastases will exclude the patient from the study.
- Significant cardiovascular disease defined as congestive heart failure (New York Heart Association Class II, III or IV) angina pectoris requiring nitrate therapy, or recent myocardial infarction (within the preceding 6 months prior to study entry).
- Uncontrolled hypertension (defined as blood pressure of ≥ 160 mmHg systolic and/or ≥ 90 mmHg diastolic on medication). Document over 48 hours with minimum of 3 readings.
- Ongoing requirement for systemic corticosteroid therapy (except replacement therapy for adrenal insufficiency) or other immunosuppressants are not permitted. Topical and/or inhaled steroids are allowed.
- Uncontrolled psychiatric disorder.
- Delayed healing of wounds, ulcers, and/or bone fractures.
- -Currently active second malignancy other than non-melanoma skin cancers. Patients are not considered to have a -currently active malignancy if they have completed anti-cancer therapy and are considered by their physician to be a less than 30% risk of relapse.
- Pregnant or nursing. Because there is an unknown but potential risk for adverse events in nursing infants secondary to treatment of the mother, breastfeeding should be discontinued if the mother is treated.
- Other concurrent severe and/or uncontrolled medical disease which could compromise participation in the study (i.e., uncontrolled diabetes, severe infection, severe malnutrition, ventricular arrhythmias, chronic liver or renal disease, active upper GI tract ulceration).
- A known history of HIV seropositivity.
- Impairment of gastrointestinal function or gastrointestinal disease that may significantly alter the absorption of oral molecular targeted agents (e.g., ulcerative disease, uncontrolled nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, malabsorption syndrome or small bowel resection).

4 STUDY DESIGN

4.1 DETERMINATION OF MOLECULAR ALTERATIONS

We will assess biopsy samples using a targeted panel sensitive to the known pathways listed in Table 1 (see also Appendix E). All patients will undergo molecular alterations testing. Then, based on the results, we will select the most appropriate drug for first-line therapy of RCC. Once each patient's disease progresses, we will use their second biopsies to determine which markers are present in the evolved tumor and assign second-line treatment accordingly.

Molecular profiling of tumor samples will follow two lines of assessment: genomics (next-generation sequencing [NGS]) and proteomics (selected reaction monitoring [SRM]) mass spectrometry analyses. A targeted genomic and proteomic panel actionable in RCC will be used to determine molecular alterations in metastatic biopsy samples (Table 2).

Table 2. Panel of actionable alterations

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4.1.1 *First-Line Molecular Targeted Agents*

The tyrosine kinases cause the phosphorylation of tyrosine residues that initiate cellular signaling pathways to promote cell survival, proliferation and angiogenesis. There are three small molecule inhibitors of tyrosine kinases that have been Food and Drug Administration approved for use in metastatic RCC based on clinical evidence of efficacy in several recent trials: sorafenib, sunitinib, and pazopanib.

The mTOR pathway can be activated in tumor cells by a variety of mechanisms, including those that enhance the PI3K/Akt signaling pathway (e.g., PTEN loss or activated receptor TK signal-

ing). In RCC, activation of PI3K signaling, regardless of mechanism, might sensitize tumors to mTOR inhibitors. mTOR inhibitors have direct antitumor activity by arresting cells in the G1 phase of the cell cycle and increasing apoptosis, as well as enhancing the transcriptional activity of HIF. In addition, mTOR inhibitors suppress HIF transcription levels in tumor cells, thus reducing VEGF expression and tumor angiogenesis through a VHL-independent mechanism.²² In endothelial cells, vascular smooth muscle cells, and pericytes, VEGFR signaling activates mTOR kinase.²² Treatment with mTOR inhibitors has been shown to reduce VEGF-stimulated endothelial cell proliferation and migration. An important difference from targeting the VEGFR signaling pathway directly appears to be that mTOR inhibition appears to have increased activity against the more mature vasculature of the tumor (Figure 4).

4.1.1.1 Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors

Sorafenib is a Raf kinase inhibitor. Activation of the ras oncogene signaling pathway is considered to be an important mechanism by which human cancer develops. Raf kinase is a downstream effector protein in the Ras signal transduction pathway. Ras regulates several pathways which synergistically induce cellular transformation, including the Raf/Mek/extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) cascade and the rac and rho pathways.^{15,23} In particular, Ras activates the Raf/Mek pathway by first localizing Raf to the plasma membrane, where Raf initiates a mitogenic kinase cascade. Activated Raf phosphorylates and activates Mek, which in turn phosphorylates and activates ERK. Activated ERK then translocates from the cytoplasm into the nucleus and modulates gene expression via the phosphorylation of transcription factors. Thus activation of Raf kinase, via activation of Ras, is thought to play an important role in carcinogenesis. B-Raf, a serine/threonine kinase, has been shown to be activated in RCC. Sorafenib inhibits the receptor tyrosine kinases (RTK) VEGFR2, VEGFR3, FLT-3, c-Kit, and PDGFR as well as the non-receptor serine threonine kinases BRAF and CRAF. The BRAF and CRAF kinases are members of the Raf/Mek/ERK signaling cascade, which is involved in survival and proliferation of tumor cells and is a therapeutic cancer target. Additionally, sorafenib down regulates the expression of activated (phosphorylated) STAT3 which also has implications regarding the expansion of T regulatory (suppressor) cells that could reduce anti-tumoral immune surveillance. The recommended dose of sorafenib is 400 mg orally twice daily.

Sunitinib and Pazopanib Tumor VEGF expression has been associated clinically with disease prognosis in many different types of malignancies, including RCC. VEGF expression is elevated by diverse stimuli that include proto-oncogene activation and hypoxia, the latter frequently arising in solid tumors because of inadequate perfusion. In addition to its angiogenic role, VEGF also has a profound permeabilizing effect on the vasculature which may also contribute to tumor progression. A leaky tumor endothelium enhances nutrient catabolite exchange and represents less of a barrier to tumor cell intravasation during metastasis. Two high-affinity receptors for VEGF with associated tyrosine kinase activity have been identified on human vascular endothelium; VEGFR1/Flt-1 and VEGFR2/kinase insert domain-containing receptor (KDR). Although the relative contributions of KDR and Flt-1 signaling in mediating tumor progression have not been elucidated, a number of studies suggest that KDR performs a predominant role. In addition to VEGF receptor signaling, increasing evidence implicates PDGF receptor signaling in tumor angiogenesis. Recent preclinical evidence suggests that inhibition of PDGFR signaling augments the antitumor and anti-angiogenesis effects of VEGFR inhibitors. In addition, PDGF signaling is implicated in the autocrine growth of tumor cells, and in the recruitment and regulation of tumor fibroblasts.

Sunitinib inhibits the RTK VEGFR2, PDGFR, FLT-3, and c-Kit. Sunitinib also down-regulates the expression of p-STAT3, similar to sorafenib, and inhibits T regulatory cells and myeloid-derived suppressor cells. The latter would be expected to enhance anti-tumoral immune surveil-

lance. A dose of 50 mg given orally once per day for 4 weeks on with a 2-week rest is the recommended dose.^{16,24}

Pazopanib has a broad spectrum of kinase inhibition, including VEGFR1-3, PDGFR- α and - β , and c-Kit. A dose of 800 mg given orally once per day is the recommended dose.^{18,25}

4.1.1.2 mTOR pathway inhibitor

Temsirolimus is an analogue of rapamycin that inhibits the mTOR pathway (Figure 4) by binding to ubiquitous intracellular protein termed FK506-binding protein-12 (FKBP12); this complex then binds to mTOR to inhibit cell growth by disrupting G-to-S phase progression along the S6K1 pathway and to inhibit cell proliferation by inhibiting mTOR-dependent protein translation along the 4E-BP1 pathway.²⁶ These two inhibitory actions result in decreased tumor growth and increased cell apoptosis associated with suppression of the mTOR/Hif-1 α /VEGF pathway.¹⁷ A dose of 25 μ g once weekly is the recommended dose.^{17,26}

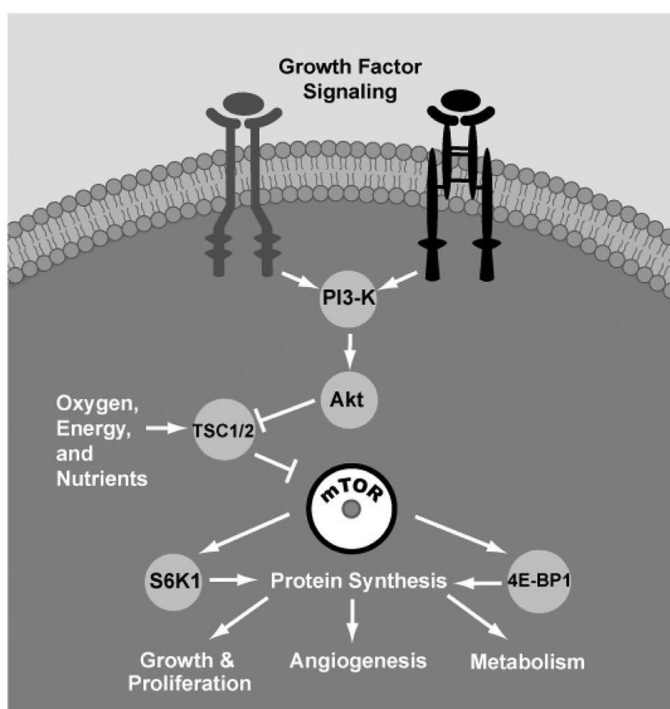
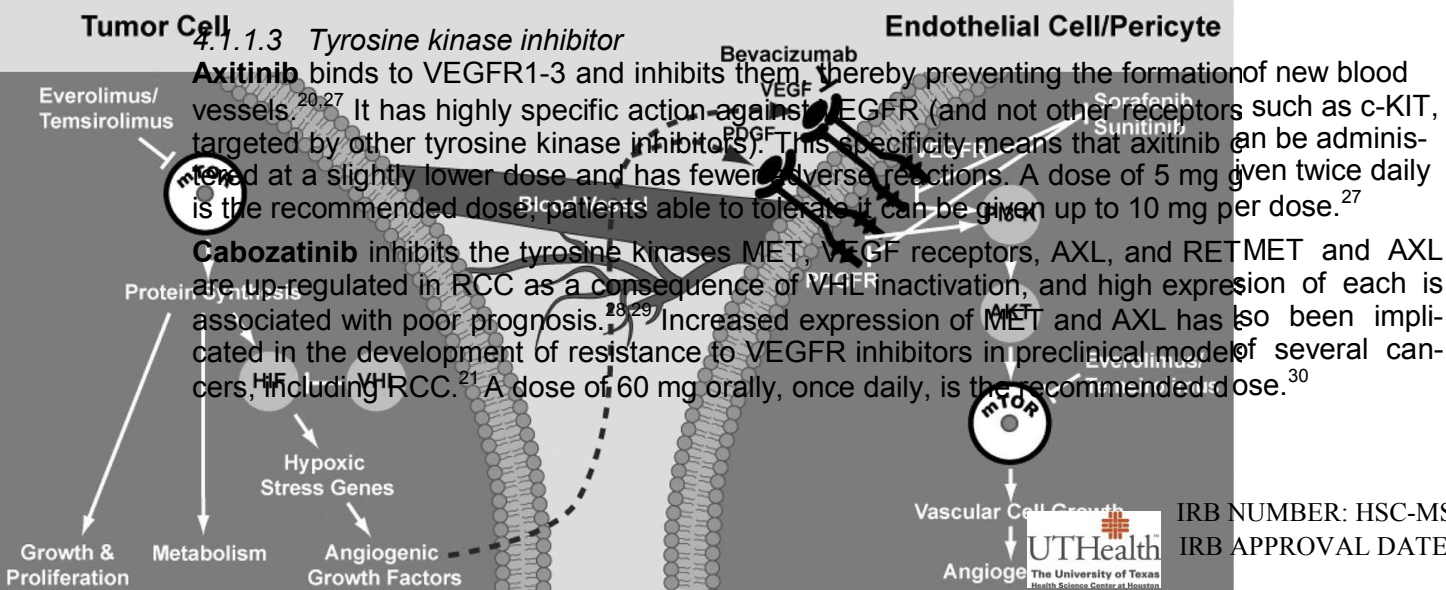


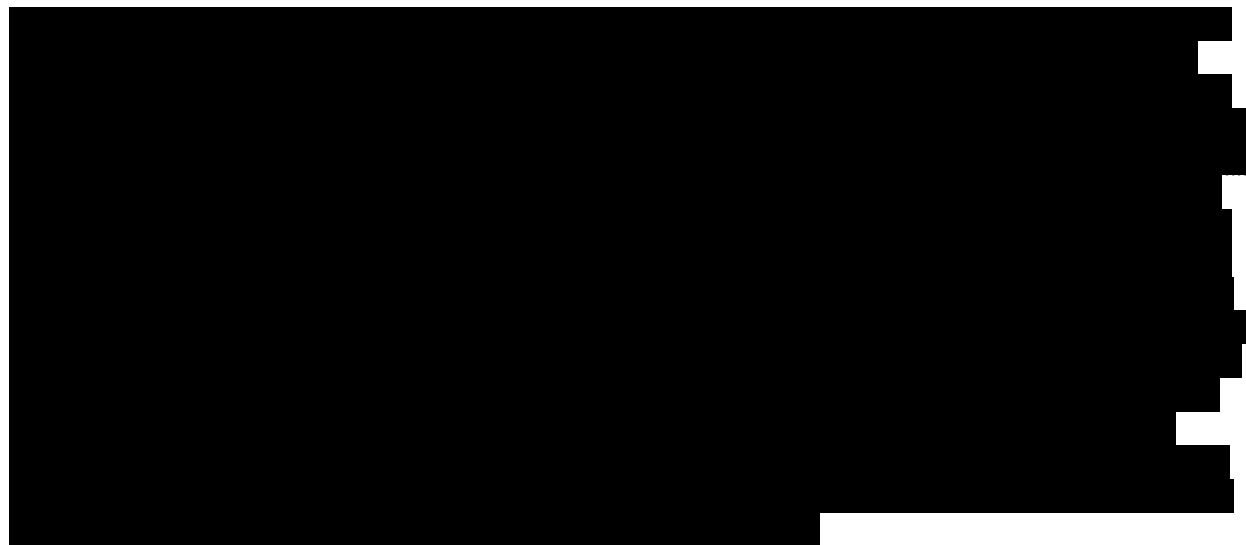
Figure 4. mTOR pathway



4.1.1.4 *mTOR pathway inhibitor*

Everolimus is, like temsirolimus, an analogue of rapamycin (Figure 3). Everolimus works along three pathways of action.¹⁹ (1) It inhibits cell growth and proliferation by reducing expression of proteins (such as Hif and VHL) that regulate the cell cycle. (2) It inhibits cell metabolism by decreasing the activity of cell nutrient transporters via the PI3K-Akt-TSC1/2 pathway, thus reducing the ability of cells to take up nutrients. (3) It reduces angiogenesis by inhibiting the growth of proliferation factors and preventing the release of VEGF and other angiogenic factors. A dose of 10 mg given orally once daily is the recommended dose.^{19,31}

4.1.2 *Gene Mutation Detection and mRNA Expression Profiling Using NGS*



4.1.3 *Proteomics*

Our targeted proteomics approach (SRM or multiple SRM [MRM]) is a non-scanning mass spectrometry technology that can quantify both proteins and their post-translational modifications, such as phosphorylation. This technique enables the direct measurement of peptides derived from intact proteins without the need for antibodies or other affinity reagents;^{32,33} several groups have used this approach to target cellular signaling molecules and their regulation by phosphorylation to understand signaling networks. Our Center for Clinical Proteomics has significant experience designing SRMs for signaling molecules in fresh/frozen tissues and in biofluids. We are already using this technique with LMD cancer cells to couple quantitative protein measurements and activation profiles with morphology on the same patient specimens as above. Though our team has experience with these assays, we have been working with Expression Pathology, Inc. to develop assays to signaling molecules within archival, FFPE tissues from the patients as they have patented methods for working with fixed tissues. This approach will be used to complement the studies described above, adding quantitative data to the morphological information and providing assays for particular proteins and activation sites when immunological reagents are not available for key markers.

Our SRM-based targeted strategy utilizes morphologic analysis (from LMD), quantitative proteomics, and high target specificity to discern the state of activation of signal transduction pathways in tumor cells and companionate tissues. Sequence and phospho-specific assays are designed in silico and directed against putative sites of activation of a signaling protein. The unique LMD system we have developed uses conventional hematoxylin-eosin staining and a nonglass coverslip to ensure high-quality morphological assessment for selecting diagnostic cells from tissue sections cut from formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded patient tissues. Stained

tissues mounted without coverslips often exhibit degraded morphology, which prevents accurate dissection of the desired cells. In addition, although a general region of a tumor can be dissected using approaches other than LMD, image-oriented, cell-specific correlations cannot be made from such dissections. In addition, digital images of target cells are captured during our LMD process; they are then annotated and stored for later correlation with SRM measurements. Our newly developed technique enables the selection of immunofluorescently labeled cells using fluorescent optics and the coverslip system to couple subcellular marker expression with accurate marker quantification or with downstream signaling patterns.



4.2 First-Line Therapy

It is hypothesized that a more effective treatment protocol can be obtained and applied to patients based on molecular alterations and the use of known targeted agents that inhibit the TK-dependent pathways or the mTOR-dependent pathways. A molecular targeted agent for each patient will be selected based on their molecular alteration profile; patients will receive that molecular targeted agent and undergo radiographic evaluation according to RECIST criteria to determine response. The radiographic staging evaluation will be performed at baseline; restaging images will be obtained after two 6-week periods of sunitinib treatment or after two 8-week periods for temsirolimus, sorafenib, or pazopanib treatment, then every 12 weeks thereafter in all patients (Figure 5, Table 3).

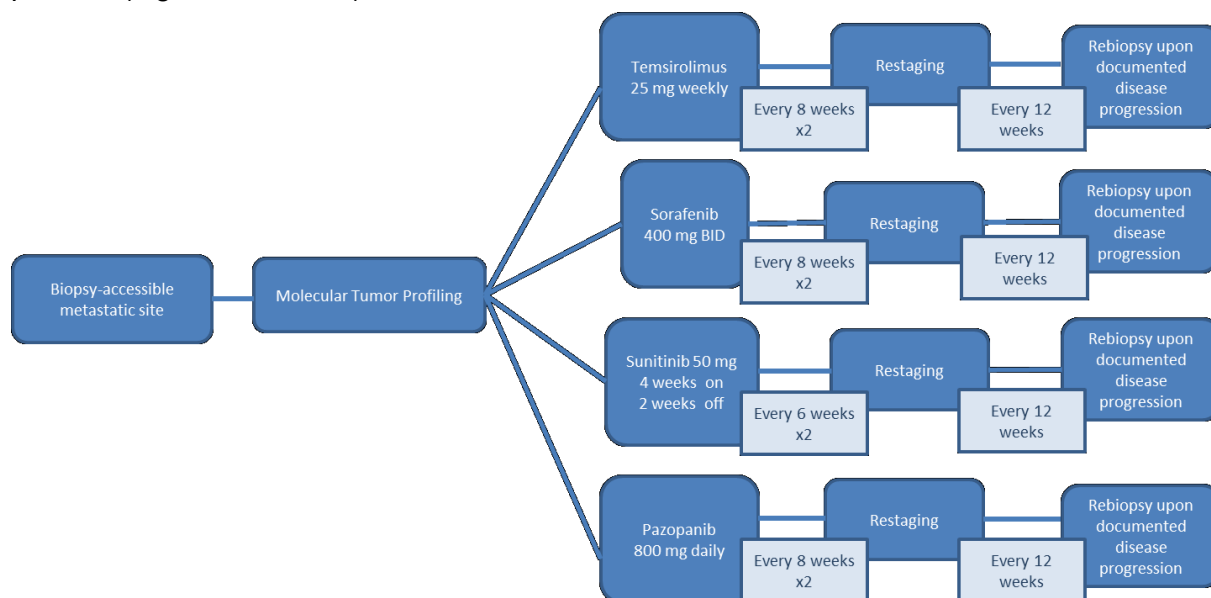


Figure 5. Selection of first-line targeted therapy in patients with metastatic RCC based on molecular alterations.

Table 3. Algorithm for individualized first-line therapy

Drug, Mechanism	Reference
First-line treatment	
Pazopanib	18
VEGFR1–3	
PDGFR	
Kit	
Sunitinib	16
VEGFR1–3	
Predominantly VEGFR2 (KDR)	
PDGFR	
Kit	
Flt3	
RET	
STAT3	
Sorafenib	15
VEGFR1–3	
PDGFR	
Kit	
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RET	
B-Raf, C-Raf	
Temsirolimus	17
mTOR	

B-Raf and C-Raf, signal transduction protein kinases of the Raf kinase family; Flt, Fms-like tyrosine kinase; Kit, a stem cell signaling pathway; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; PDGFR, platelet-derived growth factor receptor; RET, rearranged during transfection (an oncogene); STAT, signal transducer and activator of transcription; VEGFR, vascular endothelial growth factor receptor

Similar testing will be performed on biopsies obtained after disease progression. Samples will undergo molecular analysis to determine molecular alterations and adaptations conferring treatment resistance. Depending on the molecular alterations found, patients will be assigned second-line therapy with everolimus, axitinib, or cabozatinib.

4.3 Second-Line Therapy

Upon radiographic progression after first-line therapy, we will obtain a second metastatic biopsy and, based on molecular alterations second-line therapy with the next molecular targeted agent (everolimus, axitinib, or cabozatinib) will be selected. This will allow us to determine the appropriate second-line treatment based on the mechanisms of acquired resistance and adaptation.

Based on RECIST criteria to determine response, radiographic evaluation will be performed after two 8-week periods of treatment and every 12 weeks thereafter in all patients (Figure 6, Table 4).

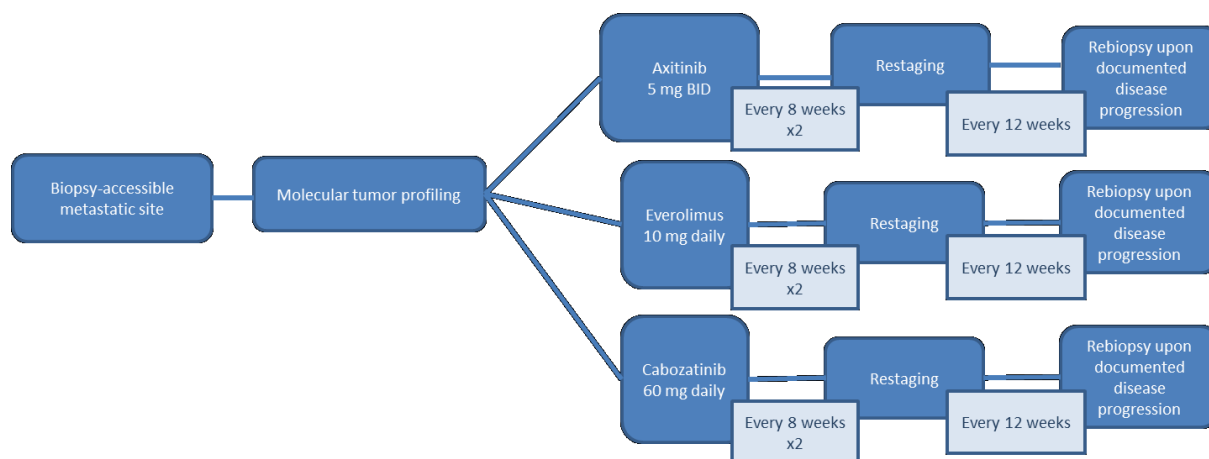


Figure 6. Selection of second-line targeted therapy in patients with metastatic RCC based on molecular alterations.

Table 4. Algorithm for individualized second-line therapy

Drug, Mechanism	Reference
Axitinib	19
VEGFR1–3	
PDGFR	
Kit	
Everolimus	20
mTOR	
Cabozatinib	21
MET	
VEGFRs	
AXL	
RET	

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4.4 Dosing

See Appendix E for dosing regimen, modifications, concomitant medications, and drug supply.

4.5 Definition of End of Study

Upon progression after second-line therapy, each patient will undergo a third metastatic biopsy. Molecular analysis of the current biopsy will be compared to the previous molecular profiles to determine the acquired resistance and adaptation pathways. This has the potential for further discovery of new therapeutic agents and further use of existing molecular targeted agents.

5 VISIT SCHEDULE AND ASSESSMENTS

5.1 Study Flow

5.1.1 Schedule of Assessments (See Appendix D)

Evaluations during the entire study will consist of the following:

- Complete history including histologic confirmation of RCC and disease staging.
- Physical examination including vital signs, height, weight.
- ECOG Performance Status.

- Imaging and diagnostic studies.
- Hematology, coagulation, and chemistry studies.
- Urinalysis.
- Fasting triglycerides and cholesterol.
- β -HCG (females of childbearing potential).

These assessments should be performed within ± 3 days of the scheduled day of assessment. Every effort should be made to ensure that the protocol required tests and procedures are completed as described. However, it is anticipated that from time to time there may be circumstances, outside of the control of the investigator that may make it unfeasible to perform the test. In these cases, the investigator will take all steps necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of the patient. When a protocol-required test cannot be performed the investigator will document the reason for this and any corrective and preventive actions which he/she has taken to ensure that normal processes are adhered to as soon as possible.

5.1.2 Screening

The screening assessments will be performed within 28 days prior to receiving study medication:

- Signed informed consent
- Vital signs
- Concomitant medications assessment
- Medical History: Includes histologic confirmation of malignancy, and best response(s), if applicable. Patient information will be entered into the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center prognostic model (refer to J Clin Oncol, July 1999).
- Physical Examination: Includes height, weight. A full neurologic examination (mental status, cranial nerves, motor, reflexes, sensory, gait, cerebella) will be performed at baseline only.
- ECOG Performance Status: Refer to ECOG Performance Status Criteria.
- Hematology Profile: Includes CBC with differential and platelets.
- Coagulation Profile: Includes PT, INR, and PTT.
- Chemistry Profile: Includes total protein, uric acid, BUN, creatinine, LDH with isoenzymes, AST, ALT, alkaline phosphatase with isoenzymes, phosphorus, magnesium, total bilirubin, calcium, albumin, and glucose.
- Electrolytes: sodium, potassium, chloride, and bicarbonate.
- TSH level.
- Amylase/lipase.
- Miscellaneous Tests: VEGF, IL-6, TNF- α , C-reactive protein, sedimentation rate
- Fasting triglycerides and cholesterol.
- Cardiac Profile: Includes EKG and echocardiogram.
- Pulmonary Profile: Includes spirometry with DLCO.
- Pregnancy screening test: Includes beta-HCG pregnancy test within 7 days of the first treatment for females of childbearing potential
- Urinalysis: Includes routine measurements. A microscopic analysis will be conducted pretreatment. Subsequent microscopic analyses will be done only if clinically indicated.
- Imaging and Diagnostic Studies: CT of the chest and abdomen with IV contrast in arterial phase or CT of the abdomen and pelvis with IV contrast in portal venous phase.

5.1.3 Treatment Period

All study visits beyond screening, including study drug administration and safety laboratory evaluations must be obtained within ± 3 days of the day specified in the protocol schedule.

- Hematology Profile: CBC, differential, and platelets will be obtained weekly for the first 6-8 weeks, then every 2 weeks.
- Chemistry Profile: Total protein, uric acid, BUN, creatinine, LDH with isoenzymes, AST, ALT, alkaline phosphatase with isoenzymes, phosphorus, magnesium, total bilirubin, calcium, albumin, and glucose will be obtained weekly for the first 6-8 weeks, then every 2 weeks.
- Electrolytes: sodium, potassium, chloride, and bicarbonate will be obtained weekly for the first 6-8 weeks, then every 2 weeks.
- Amylase/lipase will be obtained every 4 weeks.
- VEGF, IL-6, TNF- α , C-reactive protein, and sedimentation rate will be obtained at each restaging.
- Fasting triglycerides and cholesterol will be obtained every 4 weeks.
- TSH level will be obtained every 6-8 weeks.
- Urinalysis will be obtained every 4 weeks.
- Cardiac and pulmonary function tests as clinically indicated.
- Tumor restaging will be performed every 8 weeks (twice) for patients receiving temsirolimus, sorafenib, pazopanib, axitinib, everolimus, or cabozatinib and every 6 weeks (twice) for those receiving sunitinib and every 12 weeks thereafter.
- Interim history and exam with performance status and weight will be recorded every 2 weeks for the first 4 weeks, then every 4 weeks thereafter.
- Information regarding drug dosages, laboratory examinations and treatment related toxicities will be recorded before each treatment cycle is given.
- Since all of the drugs in this trial are standard of care, there may be instances when subjects will receive their treatment at other infusion centers as well as their standard blood draws due to insurance network provider determinations, cost, etc. Dr. Amato will work closely with referring physicians and infusion centers. The lab results and clinic/infusion notes will be obtained and reviewed by Dr. Amato. All subjects will still come to the cancer center for restaging study visits.

Evaluations 30 (± 3) Days after Last Dose of Study Therapy or Withdrawal from The Study

- Interim history and physical examination.
- Adverse event assessment.
- Hematology Profile: CBC with differential, platelet count.
- Coagulation Profile: PT, INR, and PTT.
- Chemistry Profile: Total protein, uric acid, BUN, creatinine, LDH with isoenzymes, AST, ALT, alkaline phosphatase with isoenzymes, phosphorus, magnesium, total bilirubin, calcium, albumin, and glucose.
- Electrolytes: sodium, potassium, chloride, and bicarbonate.
- TSH level.
- Fasting triglycerides and cholesterol.
- Amylase/lipase.
- Urinalysis.

- Vital Signs, ECOG performance status.

5.2 Tumor Assessment

Disease assessments must be performed as scheduled according to the study schedule. Assessment may be performed more often as clinically indicated. Tumor response and progression will be defined according to RECIST 1.1 criteria (See Appendix C).

In addition to the RECIST 1.1 evaluation for response assessment on each of the scans, MASS criteria would also be used to assign response category without affecting the treatment algorithm. Additionally a novel 3D quantification of enhancing tumor and necrotic tumor volume and percentage would be assessed on a separate 3D workstation for target lesions and the responses on the above 2 criteria would be compared to the findings on 3D volumetry.

Type of assessment	Criteria
Size based	RECIST 1.1
Size, Density, Enhancement, Morphology and Structure (Qualitative and semi-quantitative)	MASS criteria
MASS plus 3D volumetry (Qualitative and Quantitative)	3D Segmentation and Quantification of enhancing tumor and necrotic tumor volumes and density

5.2.1 Safety

Safety will be assessed by monitoring vital signs, clinical laboratory tests, physical examinations and the incidence and severity of adverse events (graded according to CTCAE v 4.0.). Investigators must document their review of laboratory reports by initialing and dating each report, as well as addressing the clinical significance (for significant abnormalities).

6 REMOVAL FROM STUDY

It will be documented whether or not each patient completed the clinical study. Reasons for discontinuation will be recorded as follows:

6.1 Off-Treatment

May occur due to one or more of the following (note: patients off-treatment should continue to be followed for all protocol assessments):

- Adverse event(s)
- Abnormal laboratory value(s)
- Disease progression (compared to baseline assessment)
- Investigator decision
- Non-compliance with protocol

6.2 Off-Study

May occur due to one or more of the following:

- Death
- Lost to follow-up

- Withdrawal of consent
- Completion of protocol study period
- Administrative study closure

7 SAFETY MONITORING AND REPORTING

The investigator will monitor each patient for clinical and laboratory evidence of adverse events on a routine basis throughout the study following the NCI Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE), Version 4.0. A link to the electronic version of the CTCAE can be found in Appendix A. The investigator will assess and record any adverse event (serious and non-serious) in detail on the adverse event form including the date of onset, description, severity, time course, duration, outcome and relationship to the study drug from the time the patient signs the informed consent until 4 weeks after the patient has stopped study treatment.

7.1 Adverse Events

All adverse events (AEs) should be treated appropriately. Such treatment may include interruption or discontinuation of study drug, starting or stopping concomitant treatments, changes in the frequency or nature of assessments, hospitalization, or any other medically required intervention.

Information about common side effects already known about the study drug can be found in Appendix E and package inserts. This information will be included in the patient informed consent and should be discussed with the patient during the study as needed.

7.2 Adverse Event Definition

An AE is defined as any unintended or undesirable, noxious, or pathological change, compared to pre-existing conditions, experienced by a patient during a clinical study or the follow-up period, regardless of relationship to study drug. AEs include:

- Suspected adverse drug reactions.
- Reactions from drug overdose, abuse, withdrawal, sensitivity, or toxicity.
- Significant changes or abnormalities, when compared to baseline, in structure (sign), function (symptom), clinical laboratory results, or physiological testing. This includes any worsening of a pre-existing condition temporally associated with the use of study drug.
- Other medical events, regardless of their relationship to the study drug, such as injury, surgery, accidents, extensions of symptomatology, or apparently unrelated illnesses.

7.3 Evaluating Adverse Events

Each AE will be evaluated to determine:

- the severity grade (mild, moderate, severe) or (grade 1-4)
- its relationship to the study drug(s) (suspected/not suspected)
- its duration (start and end dates or if continuing at final exam)
- action taken (no action taken; study drug dosage adjusted/temporarily interrupted; study drug permanently discontinued due to this adverse event; concomitant medication taken; non-drug therapy given; hospitalization/prolonged hospitalization)
- outcome
- whether it constitutes a serious adverse event (SAE)

7.3.1 *Determination of Severity*

The severity of AEs will be assessed according to CTCAE, Version 4.0. If the AE is not defined in the CTCAE, the Investigator will determine the severity of an adverse event based on the following definitions:

- Mild (Grade 1): The AE is noticeable to the patient but does not interfere with routine activity. The AE does not require discontinuing administration or reducing the dose of the study drug.
- Moderate (Grade 2): The AE interferes with routine activity but responds to symptomatic therapy or rest. The AE may require reducing the dose but not discontinuing administration of the study drug.
- Severe (Grade 3): The AE significantly limits the patient's ability to perform routine activities despite symptomatic therapy. In addition, the AE leads to discontinuing administration or reducing the dose of the study drug.
- Life-Threatening (Grade 4): The AE requires discontinuing administration of the study drug. The patient is at immediate risk of death.

7.3.2 *Determination of Relatedness*

The Investigator will determine the relatedness of an adverse event with the study drug based on the following definitions:

Not Related

This category applies to those adverse events which, after careful medical consideration, are felt to be due to extraneous causes (disease, environment, etc.) that are not related to the administration of study drug.

Probably Not Related (must have first two bullets below)

This category applies to those adverse events, which, after careful medical consideration, are clearly felt unlikely to be related to the administration of the study drug. The relationship of an adverse event to the study drug can be considered probably not related if:

- It does not follow a reasonable temporal sequence from administration of the drug.
- It could readily have been a result of the patient's clinical state, environmental or toxic factors, or other modes of therapy administered to the patient.
- It does not follow a known response pattern to the suspected drug.
- It does not reappear or worsen when the drug is readministered.

Possibly Related (must have first two bullets below)

This category applies to those adverse events, which, after careful medical consideration, are felt unlikely to be related to the administration of the study drug, but the possibility cannot be ruled out with certainty. The relationship of an adverse event to the study drug can be considered possibly related if:

- It follows a reasonable temporal sequence from administration of the drug.
- It could readily have been a result of the patient's clinical state, environmental or toxic factors, or other modes of therapy administered to the patient.
- It follows a known response pattern to the suspected drug.

Probably Related (must have first three bullets below)

This category applies to those adverse events which, after careful medical consideration, are felt with a high degree of certainty to be related to the administration of the study drug. The relationship of an adverse event to the study drug can be considered probably related if:

- It follows a reasonable temporal sequence from administration of the drug.
- It could not be reasonably explained by the known characteristics of the patient's clinical state, environmental or toxic factors or other modes of therapy administered to the patient.
- It disappears or decreases upon cessation of drug or reduction in dose.*
- It follows a known response pattern to the suspected drug.

Definitely Related (must have first three bullets below)

This category applies to those adverse events, which, after careful medical consideration, are felt to be related to the administration of the drug. The relationship of an adverse event to the study drug can be considered definitely related if:

- It follows a reasonable temporal sequence from administration of the drug or drug levels have been established in body fluids or tissues.
- It could not be reasonably explained by the known characteristics of the patient's clinical state, environmental or toxic factors or other modes of therapy administered to the patient.
- It disappears or decreases upon cessation of drug or reduction in dose and, if applicable, appears upon rechallenge.*
- It follows a known response pattern to the suspected drug.

*There are exceptions when an adverse event does not disappear upon discontinuation of the drug, yet drug relatedness clearly exists; e.g., 1) tardive dyskinesia, 2) fixed drug eruptions.

7.4 Serious Adverse Events

Information about all serious adverse events (SAEs) will be collected and recorded. A SAE is an undesirable sign, symptom or medical condition which:

- is fatal or life-threatening
- results in persistent or significant disability/incapacity
- constitutes a congenital anomaly/birth defect
- requires inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization, unless hospitalization is for:
 - routine treatment or monitoring of the studied indication, not associated with any deterioration in condition (specify what this includes)
 - elective or pre-planned treatment for a pre-existing condition that is unrelated to the indication under study and has not worsened since the start of study drug
 - treatment on an emergency outpatient basis for an event not fulfilling any of the definitions of a SAE given above and not resulting in hospital admission
 - social reasons and respite care in the absence of any deterioration in the patient's general condition
- is medically significant, i.e., defined as an event that jeopardizes the patient or may require medical or surgical intervention to prevent one of the outcomes listed above

7.5 Reporting

The principal investigator has the obligation to report all serious adverse events to the IRB and DSMB according to their respective requirements.

Serious Adverse Events (SAE) that are determined by the PI to be unexpected + related will be submitted to the DSMB within 7 calendar days of the determination by telephone or fax; written report no later than 15 calendar days of the determination. Deaths should be reported to the IRB within 24 hours of investigator knowledge. Any unexpected, serious, related adverse experiences should be reported to the IRB within 7 calendar days of investigator knowledge.

Any pregnancy that occurs during study participation should be reported. The pregnancy should be followed up to determine outcome, including spontaneous or voluntary termination, details of birth, and the presence or absence of any birth defects, congenital abnormalities or maternal and newborn complications.

7.6 Unanticipated Problem Reporting

The Principal Investigator (PI) must notify the IRB of unexpected problems that might arise during the study within 7 calendar days. The PI must make a judgment call regarding the expectedness and causality of the problem. Examples include:

- any adverse event which in the opinion of the PI is both unexpected and related and places patients or others at risk of harm
- Protocol deviation that harmed patients or placed patients in increased risk of harm
- Unanticipated adverse device effect
- A breach of confidentiality
- Change in FDA labeling or withdrawal from marketing of a drug, device, or biologic used in a research protocol
- Information that indicates a change to the risks or potential benefits of the research

8 DATA AND PROTOCOL MANAGEMENT

8.1 Protocol Compliance

Written informed consent must be obtained from the patient prior to study specific screening tests or procedures. Results of all baseline evaluations which assure that all inclusion and exclusion criteria have been satisfied, must be reviewed by the Investigator prior to enrollment of that patient. The investigator and/or research coordinator must see each patient prior to drug administration. All required interim and pre-treatment data should be available and the investigator must have made a designation as to tumor response and toxicity grade. The Principal Investigator will be the final arbitrator of response or toxicity should a difference of opinion exist.

8.2 Data Collection

Investigators or their designee must enter the data required by the protocol onto Case Report Forms (CRFs). A brief explanation for required but missing data should be recorded as a comment. The Principal Investigator is ultimately responsible for assuring that data entered into the CRFs are accurate, authentic/original, attributable, complete, consistent, legible, timely (contemporaneous), enduring and available when required.

Entries made in the CRF must be either verifiable against source documents, or have been directly entered into the CRF, in which case the entry in the CRF will be considered as the source data. Any corrections to entries made in the CRFs or source documents must be dated, initialed

and explained (if necessary) and should not obscure the original entry. The Investigator will sign the CRFs to indicate that, to his/her knowledge, they are complete and accurate.

8.3 Database Management

The data manager will review the CRF data entered by study staff for completeness and accuracy. Data queries stating the nature of the problem and requesting clarification will be created for discrepancies and missing values and sent to the study coordinator. The study coordinator will respond promptly to queries and make any necessary changes to the CRFs.

8.4 Site Monitoring

To ensure that the protocol and Good Clinical Practices (GCP) are being followed and that study data are accurate, complete and reliable, the trial will be monitored by a Data Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB), Medical Monitor and CRA monitoring as specified in the Data Safety Monitoring Plan (DSMP) for the study and the DSMB's charter.

Through ongoing monitoring the designee will periodically check the patient data recorded in the CRFs against source documents, to ensure accuracy, completeness, and adherence to the protocol, regulatory compliance, and the maintenance of comprehensive clinical records. The study coordinator will provide access to source documents to perform this verification.

9 STATISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 Study Design

This will be a prospective, one-arm, proof of concept study designed to evaluate the efficacy of algorithm-based allocation (based on genomic/proteomic profile) of first-line therapy in RCC.

After eligibility review, patients will receive one of the four first-line therapy agents based on their tumor's genomic/proteomic profile. Upon disease progression, patients will then receive one of two second-line agents based on their tumor's genomic/proteomic profile.

Because this is a proof-of-concept study, the sample size is based on feasibility of accrual. The clinic should be able to recruit 100 patients within a reasonable timeframe for the study. Number of patients receiving each drug will vary based on the frequency of molecular alterations in the population. Therefore, groups will not be compared with one another – our research goal is to determine whether the PFS for each drug is improved over the PFS reported in FDA approval trials for each drug when they are assigned based on molecular analysis.

9.2 Analysis of Primary Endpoint

The primary endpoint will be progression-free survival (PFS) on both first-line and second-line therapy. The PFS is defined as the time elapsed between treatment initiation and tumor progression or death from any cause, with censoring of patients who are lost to follow-up. The median PFS will be determined for each drug in both first-line and second-line therapy, and survival curves will be plotted using the Kaplan-Meier method. PFS will be reported as median and 95% confidence interval.

Analysis of the secondary endpoint, exploratory endpoints, and subgroup will be carried out using appropriate statistical methods and descriptive statistics.

9.3 Interim Analysis and Monitoring

The data will be reviewed by the expert committee after 50% of the patients are enrolled. The committee will review safety and efficacy data. Ineffective treatment arms, if any, will be dropped.

10 ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

10.1 Ethical Compliance

The study will be conducted in accordance with legal and regulatory (21 CFR 50, 56, 312 as applicable) requirements, as well as the general principles set forth in the Guidelines for GCP (ICH 1996) and the Declaration of Helsinki (World Medical Association 1996 and 2008).

The principal investigator is responsible for ensuring that all participating staff members are adequately trained and competent to perform his/her assigned tasks.

10.2 IRB Review

Before implementing this study, the protocol, the proposed informed consent form, and other required information, must be reviewed and approved by a properly constituted Institutional Review Board (IRB). Any amendments to the protocol, other than administrative ones, must be reviewed and approved by this committee before implementation. If an immediate change to the protocol is implemented for safety reasons by the investigator, the IRB must be informed immediately. The study must be reviewed and approved at least annually as well.

10.3 Recruitment

Upon obtaining approval from external agencies and internal review committees, we will begin recruitment for the clinical trial. Based on our previous experience with the regulatory review process, we estimate that this will be completed in approximately 4-6 months. Once approved, patients with RCC seen at the UT Memorial Hermann Cancer Center will be accrued; we estimate that accrual to the first-line molecular-targeted agent will be completed in approximately 18 months. Upon radiographic progression, patients will undergo a second metastatic biopsy to determine the molecular tumor profile and initiate a second-line molecular targeted agent.

Our recruitment plan for enrolling the 100 patients follows a multi-step approach:

- Houston recruitment:
 - We will accrue patients from our direct clinic population:
 - The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston;
 - Memorial Hermann Cancer Center – Texas Medical Center;
 - Memorial Hermann Cancer Center – Southwest;
 - Memorial Hermann Cancer Center – Northeast.
 - We have referral relationships with local oncology faculty at primary care clinics.
 - We have referral relationships with local medical oncologists.
 - We employ a Nurse Navigator and Physician Liaison who work with local providers to increase referrals.
 - Our referral area is extremely broad. Memorial Hermann pulls from the greater Houston area. Based on the strength of its reputation, The University of Texas pulls from the entire state of Texas as well as from surrounding states.
- Statewide recruitment:

- We have strong referral relationships for consults with medical oncologists in several areas of Texas:
 - Austin
 - Abilene
 - Dallas-Fort Worth
 - The Rio Grande Valley (McAllen-Harlingen-Brownsville)
 - East Texas (Beaumont-Port Arthur-Lake Charles, LA)
- Regional recruitment:
 - We have strong referral relationships for consults with medical oncologists in Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado
- National recruitment:
 - The Kidney Cancer Association (<http://www.kidneycancer.org/>) has an online clinical trial matching service for patients that reaches an international audience. We plan to register our trial with the association.
 - The National Institutes of Health's clinical trials registry, ClinicalTrials.gov (<http://clinicaltrials.gov/>), is a large worldwide registry. All US human clinical trials are required to register on the site, which is searchable by the public. The World Health Organization has a similar clinical trials registry (<http://apps.who.int/trialsearch/Default.aspx>).
 - Dr. Amato has more than 30 years of experience as a treating physician and researcher. As such, he has a broad acquaintance within the urology and oncology communities. This results in a number of referrals each month from fellow urologists around the world.

10.4 Informed Consent

The Investigator will be responsible for obtaining consent, documented on the Informed Consent Form (ICF) signed and dated by each patient or his/her legally authorized representative, prior to his/her participation in the study, in accordance with ICH GCP guidelines. The ICF will be written in non-technical language. The patient should read and be given as much time as they need to consider their participation before signing and dating it.

The investigator or study staff designee must explain to each patient the nature of the study, its purpose, the procedures involved, the expected duration, the potential risks and benefits involved and any discomfort it may entail. Each patient must be informed that participation in the study is voluntary and that he/she may withdraw from the study at any time and that withdrawal of consent will not affect his/her subsequent medical treatment or relationship with the treating physician.

Participation in the study and date of informed consent should be documented appropriately in the patient's files. The original ICF will be maintained in the research files and a copy must be maintained in the institution's medical records. The patient or his/her legally authorized representative will also be given a copy of the signed consent form.

10.5 Confidentiality

All records identifying the patient will be kept confidential and, to the extent permitted by the applicable laws and/or regulations, will not be made publicly available. Patient names will not be supplied to third parties. A unique study accession number will be assigned to each patient on study and will be used on the CRFs. Identifiable data on any document (e.g., pathologist report)

must be redacted before a copy of the document is supplied to third parties. The study coordinator will maintain a list to enable patients' records to be identified for verification purposes.

Study data stored electronically will be stored in zone 100, on password-protected, encrypted computers. Paper study data will be maintained by the study coordinator in the locked research offices.

10.6 Publication of Study Results

The investigator will assure that the key elements of this protocol will be posted in a publicly accessible database such as www.ClinicalTrials.gov. In addition, upon study completion and finalization of the study report the results of this study will be submitted for publication in scientific journals and/or scientific meetings. If the results of the study are published, the patient's identity will remain confidential.

10.7 Retention of Documents

To enable evaluations and/or audits from regulatory authorities or sponsors, the investigator agrees to keep records, including the identity of all participating patients (sufficient information to link records, e.g., CRFs and hospital records), all original signed informed consent documents, copies of all CRFs, safety reporting forms, source documents, detailed records of treatment disposition, and adequate documentation of relevant correspondence in a secure storage facility.

Essential documents (written and electronic) should be retained for at least three (3) years after the completion of the study. The records should be retained by the investigator according to local regulations or as specified in the Clinical Study Agreement (CSA), whichever is longer.

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12 APPENDIX A: NCI COMMON TERMINOLOGY CRITERIA FOR ADVERSE EVENTS

Safety and tolerability will be assessed according to Version 4.0 of the National Cancer Institute's Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE). An electronic version may be found at: <http://ctep.cancer.gov/reporting/ctc.html>.

13 APPENDIX B: ECOG PERFORMANCE STATUS

Grade ECOG

- 0 Fully active, able to carry on all pre-disease performance without restriction
- 1 Restricted in physically strenuous activity but ambulatory and able to carry out work of a light or sedentary nature, e.g., light house work, office work
- 2 Ambulatory and capable of all self care but unable to carry out any work activities. Up and about more than 50% of waking hours
- 3 Capable of only limited self care, confined to bed or chair more than 50% of waking hours
- 4 Completely disabled. Cannot carry on any self care. Totally confined to bed or chair
- 5 Dead

14 APPENDIX C: RECIST 1.1 GUIDELINES

Tumor response and progression will be defined according to RECIST 1.1 criteria. Electronic guidelines may be found at: <http://www.eortc.be/recist/documents/RECISTGuidelines.pdf>.

15 APPENDIX D: SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS

First-line Temsirolimus/Sorafinib/Pazopanib Schedule of Assessments (8 week cycle) until progression																	
Visit Name	Pre-treat	Cycle 1								Subsequent Cycles							
Visit Day	-28 to -1	1	8	15	22	29	36	43	50	1	8	15	22	29	36	43	50
Informed consent	X																
Documentation of histologic diagnosis and extent of cancer	X																
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria	X																
History & Physical exam with height, weight, complete neurological exam	X																
Interim physical exam				X		X				X				X			
ECOG Performance status	X			X		X				X				X			
Concomitant Med Assessments	X									X							
Study drug dosages, AE's, drug toxicities										X							
CBC with diff, platelets	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	
Coagulation profile	X																
Electrolyte panel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	
Comprehensive metabolic panel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	
Amylase/Lipase	X					X				X				X			
Fasting triglycerides and cholesterol	X					X				X				X			
Tumor markers	X									X							
Beta HCG (for females)	-7 to -1																
TSH	X									X							
Urinalysis	X					X				X				X			
MRI or CT Brain (if indicated)	X									X ₁							
CT Chest with RECIST tumor measurements	X									X ₁							
MRI or CT Abdomen and Pelvis with RECIST measurements	X									X ₁							
Bone Scan if indicated	X									X ₁							
Spirometry with DLCO	X	As Indicated During Treatment															
12 Lead EKG	X																
Echocardiogram	X																
Molecular Tumor Profiling	X																
Biopsy of Metastatic Tissue	X	After Documentation of Progression of Disease															

1. Tumor assessments will be every 8 weeks for two cycles then every 12 weeks. This will fall just prior to D1 in Cycle 2, Cycles 3, 6, and every 3rd cycle thereafter. This will fall mid-cycle during Cycles 4, 7, and every 3rd cycle thereafter. There are no scans during Cycles 5, 8, and every 3rd cycle thereafter.

First-line Sunitinib Schedule of Assessments (6 week cycle) until progression																			
Visit Name	Pre-treat	Cycle 1						Cycles 2, 4, 6, etc.						Cycles 3, 5, 7, etc.					
Visit Day	-28 to -1	1	8	15	22	29	36	1	8	15	22	29	36	1	8	15	22	29	36
Informed consent	X																		
Documentation of histologic diagnosis and extent of cancer	X																		
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria	X																		
History & Physical exam with height, weight, complete neurological exam	X																		
Interim physical exam				X		X		X			X			X			X		
ECOG Performance status	X			X		X		X			X			X			X		
Concomitant Med Assessments	X							X						X					
Study drug dosages, AE's, drug toxicities								X						X					
CBC with diff, platelets	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X		X		X	
Coagulation profile	X																		
Electrolyte panel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X		X		X	
Comprehensive metabolic panel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X		X		X	
Amylase/Lipase	X					X				X				X				X	
Fasting triglycerides and cholesterol	X					X				X				X				X	
Tumor markers	X							X						X					
Beta HCG (for females)	-7 to -1																		
TSH	X							X						X					
Urinalysis	X					X				X				X				X	
MRI or CT Brain (if indicated)	X							X ₂						X					
CT Chest with RECIST tumor measurements	X							X ₂						X					
MRI or CT Abdomen and Pelvis with RECIST measurements	X							X ₂						X					
Bone Scan if indicated	X							X ₂						X					
Spirometry with DLCO	X	As Indicated During Treatment																	
12 Lead EKG	X																		
Echocardiogram	X																		
Molecular Tumor Profiling	X	After Documentation of Progression of Disease																	
Biopsy of Metastatic Tissue	X																		

2. Tumor assessment only on Cycle 2.

Second-Line Axitinib/Everolimus/Carbozatinib (8 week cycle) until progression																	
Visit Name	Cycle 1								Subsequent Cycles								Post Tx or EOS
Visit Day	1	8	15	22	29	36	43	50	1	8	15	22	29	36	43	50	30 day ± 3d
Interim history & physical exam	X		X		X				X				X				X
ECOG Performance status	X		X		X				X				X				X
Concomitant Med Assessments	X								X								
Study drug dosages, AE's, drug toxicities	X								X								X
CBC with diff, platelets	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X		X
Coagulation profile																	X
Electrolyte panel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X		X
Comprehensive metabolic panel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X		X
Amylase/Lipase	X				X				X				X				X
Fasting triglycerides and cholesterol					X				X				X				X
Tumor markers									X								
Beta HCG (for females)																	
TSH	X				X				X				X				X
Urinalysis	X				X				X				X				X
MRI or CT Brain									X ₁								
CT Chest with RECIST tumor measurements									X ₁								
MRI or CT Abdomen and Pelvis with RECIST measurements									X ₁								
Bone Scan if indicated									X ₁								
Spirometry with DLCO	As Indicated During Treatment																
12 Lead EKG																	
Echocardiogram																	
Molecular Tumor Profiling																	
Biopsy of Metastatic Tissue	After Documentation of Progression of Disease																

1. Tumor assessments will be every 8 weeks for two cycles then every 12 weeks. This will fall just prior to D1 in Cycles 2, 3, 6, and every 3rd cycle thereafter. This will fall mid-cycle during Cycles 4, 7, and every 3rd cycle thereafter. There are no scans during Cycles 5, 8, and every 3rd cycle thereafter.

16 APPENDIX E: DRUG INFORMATION

16.1 Everolimus

The side effects most commonly reported at a frequency >20% includes the following:

- Peripheral edema (13%-39%)
- Dermatologic: acne (10%-22%) and rash (5%-59%)
- Gastrointestinal: decrease in appetite (6%-30%), diarrhea (14%-50%), nausea (16%-29%), vomiting (15%-29%), and stomatitis (44%-78%)
- Neurologic: asthenia (13%-33%)
- Renal: increased serum creatinine (19%-50%)
- Respiratory: cough (20%-30%) and dyspnea (20%-24%),
- Other: fatigue (14%-45%) and fever (15%-31%)

The most common laboratory abnormalities include the following:

- Endocrine: hypercholesterolemia (66%-85%), hypertriglyceridemia (27%-73%), and hyperglycemia (all grades, 14%-75%)
- Hematologic: anemia (all grades, 41%-86%), lymphopenia (all grades, 20%-54%), and thrombocytopenia (all grades, 19%-54%)
- Hepatic: increased levels of alkaline phosphatase (32%-74%), ALT/SGPT (18%-51%), and AST/SGOT (23%-69%)

Grade 3 or 4 adverse effects include anemia (6.6%) and lymphopenia (1%-16%). Serious adverse effects include hemorrhage (3%), leukopenia (37%-58%), infectious disease (37%-50%), hemolytic uremic syndrome, renal failure (3%), interstitial lung disease, pleural effusion (7%), pneumonia (6%), and non-infectious pneumonitis (1%-19%). See everolimus drug label for more information.

16.2 Sunitinib

The most common adverse events occurring at ≥20% frequency are as follows:

- Dermatologic: discoloration of skin, yellow (25%), dry skin (23%), and rash (29%)
- Gastrointestinal: abdominal pain (30%), constipation (23%), diarrhea (66%), indigestion (34%), inflammatory disease of mucous membrane (47%), loss of appetite (48%), nausea (58%), vomiting (39%), and taste sense altered (47%)
- Musculoskeletal: pain in limb (40%)
- Neurologic: asthenia (26%)
- Renal: increased uric acid level (46%)
- Respiratory: cough (27%)
- Other: fatigue (62%)

The most common laboratory abnormalities include the following:

- Hematologic: anemia (79%), bleeding (37%), leukopenia (78%), lymphocytopenia (68%), neutropenic disorder (77%)
- Hypothyroidism (16%)

Serious adverse effects include hypertension (34%), left ventricular cardiac dysfunction (27%), prolonged QT interval, Torsades de pointes (<0.1%), severe hypothyroidism, increased serum lipase level (56%), pancreatitis (1%), thrombocytopenia (68%), hepatotoxicity, pulmonary embolism (2%), radiation recall syndrome, and pneumonitis. See sunitinib drug label for more information.

16.3 Sorafenib

The most common adverse effects include occurring at >20% frequency are as follows:

- Dermatologic: acral erythema, alopecia (27%), and rash (up to 35%)
- Endocrine metabolic: hypophosphatemia (35%-45%) and hypothyroidism
- Gastrointestinal: decrease in appetite, diarrhea (43%-68%), increased serum lipase level (40%-41%), loss of appetite (16%-29%), nausea (21%-24%), increase serum amylase level (30%-34%)
- Other adverse effects include fatigue (37%-46%)

The most common grade 3 or 4 laboratory abnormalities include lymphocytopenia (23%), increased ALT/SGPT level, and increased AST/SGOT level.

Congestive heart failure occurred in 1.9% of patients. Other grade 3 or 4 adverse effects included hypertension (3%-10%), hemorrhage (15.3%), and infectious disease (>10%). Rare cases of squamous cell carcinoma, GI perforation, transaminitis, cerebral hemorrhage, QT prolongation, and interstitial lung disease have also been reported. See sorafenib drug label for more information.

16.4 Temsirolimus

The most common (incidence $\geq 30\%$) adverse reactions observed with temsirolimus are rash (47%), asthenia (51%), mucositis (41%), nausea (37%), edema (35%), and anorexia (32%). The most common laboratory abnormalities (incidence $\geq 30\%$) are anemia (94%), hyperglycemia (89%), hyperlipemia (87%), hypertriglyceridemia (83%), elevated alkaline phosphatase (68%), elevated serum creatinine (57%), lymphopenia (53%), hypophosphatemia (49%), thrombocytopenia (40%), elevated AST (38%), and leukopenia (32%).

Most common grade 3/4 adverse reactions and laboratory abnormalities included asthenia (11%), dyspnea (9%), hemoglobin decreased (20%), lymphocytes decreased (16%), glucose increased (16%), phosphorus decreased (18%), and triglycerides increased (44%).

Pleural effusion, hemodynamically significant pericardial effusions requiring intervention, convulsions, rhabdomyolysis, Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, complex regional pain syndrome, and extravasations have been reported during postmarketing use.

16.5 Pazopanib

The most common adverse effects include occurring at >20% frequency are as follows:

- Hypertension (all grades, 40%)
- Hair color change (38%)
- Gastrointestinal: decrease in appetite (40%), diarrhea (52%), loss of appetite (22%), nausea (26%), and vomiting (21%)
- Musculoskeletal pain (23%) and myalgia (23%)

The most common laboratory abnormalities include the following:

- Increased glucose level (41%)
- Hematologic: leukopenia (37%), neutropenia (34%), and thrombocytopenia (32%)
- Hepatic: increased levels of alkaline phosphatase (32%), ALT/SGPT (all grades, 53%), AST/SGOT (all grades, 53%), and bilirubin (36%)
- Lymphocytopenia (all grades, 31%)

Serious adverse effects include myocardial infarction (2%), prolonged QT interval (2%), hypothyroidism (4%-7%), hemorrhage (13%), thrombocytopenia, grade 3 or 4 increases in ALT, AST, and bilirubin.

bin levels, infectious disease, lymphocytopenia, cerebrovascular accident, transient ischemic attack, pneumothorax, and pulmonary embolism. See pazopanib drug label for more information.

16.6 Axitinib

The most common adverse effects include occurring at >20% frequency are as follows:

- Hypertension (all grades, 40%)
- Hand-foot syndrome (27%)
- Decreased weight (all grades, 25%)
- Gastrointestinal: constipation (all grades, 20%), diarrhea (all grades, 55%), loss of appetite (all grades, 34%), nausea (all grades, 32%), vomiting (all grades, 24%)
- Asthenia (all grades, 21%)
- Other: dysphonia (31%) and fatigue (all grades, 39%)

The most common laboratory abnormalities include the following:

- Hepatic: increased ALT/SGPT level (all grades, 22%; grade 3, <1%)

Serious adverse effects include hypertensive crisis (<1%), GI fistula (1%), arterial thrombosis (1%-2%), DVT (1%), hemorrhage (grade 3 or 4, 1%), venous thrombosis (grade 3 or 4, 3%), transient ischemic attack (1%), and pulmonary embolism (2%).

16.7 Cabozatinib

The most commonly reported adverse drug reactions ($\geq 25\%$) are diarrhea, stomatitis, palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome (PPES), decreased weight, decreased appetite, nausea, fatigue, oral pain, hair color changes, dysgeusia, hypertension, abdominal pain, and constipation.

The most common laboratory abnormalities ($\geq 25\%$) are increased AST, increased ALT, lymphopenia, increased alkaline phosphatase, hypocalcemia, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, hypophosphatemia, and hyperbilirubinemia.

Serious side effects include hand-foot syndrome (42%-50%), impaired wound healing (2%), gastrointestinal fistula (1%-1.2%), gastrointestinal perforation (0.9%-3%), pancreatitis (<1%), Tracheoesophageal fistula (4%), anemia, Grade 3 or 4 (5%), arterial thromboembolism (0.9%-2%), bleeding, Grade 3 or higher (2.1%-3%), lymphocytopenia, Grade 3 or 4 (16%), neutropenia, Grade 3 or 4 (3%), venous thromboembolism (6%-7.3%), cholestatic hepatitis (<1%), aseptic necrosis of bone of jaw ($\leq 1\%$), posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome (<1%), seizure (<1%), and pulmonary embolism (3.9%).

16.8 How Supplied

16.8.1 Everolimus

Everolimus is supplied as white to slightly yellow, elongated tablets with a beveled edge and no score of 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 7.5 mg, and 10 mg strengths. The 2.5 mg tab is engraved with -LCLII on one side and -NVRII on the other. The 5 mg tablet is engraved with -5II on one side and -NVRII. The 7.5 mg tablet is engraved with -7P5II on one side and -NVRII on the other. The 10 mg tab is engraved with -UHEII on one side and -NVRII on the other. Everolimus will be supplied according to local practice.

16.8.2 Sunitinib

Sunitinib is supplied as hard gelatin capsules in either 12.5 mg, 25 mg, or 50 mg strength. The 12.5 mg and 25 mg capsules consist of a caramel-colored top orange body, printed with white ink "Pfizer" on the cap and either "STN 12.5 MG" or "STN25 MG" on the body. The 50 mg capsule consists of a

caramel top and caramel body, printed with white ink "Pfizer" on the cap and "STN50 MG" on the body. Sunitinib will be supplied according to local practice.

16.8.3 *Sorafenib*

Sorafenib is supplied as tablets containing sorafenib tosylate (274 mg) equivalent to 200 mg of sorafenib. The tablet is round, biconvex, red film-coated tablets, debossed with the -Bayer cross|| on one side and -200|| on the other side. Sunitinib will be supplied according to local practice.

16.8.4 *Temsirolimus*

Temsirolimus is supplied as a 25 mg/mL injection with a 1.8 mL diluent designed for injection. The recommended initial dose of the drug is 25 mg infused over a 30-60 minute period once a week. Treat until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Temsirolimus injection vial contents must first be diluted with the enclosed diluent before diluting the resultant solution with 250 mL of 0.9% sodium chloride injection. Patients should receive prophylactic intravenous diphenhydramine 25 to 50 mg (or similar antihistamine) approximately 30 minutes before the start of each dose. Temsirolimus will be supplied according to local practice.

16.8.5 *Pazopanib*

Pazopanib is supplied as tablet containing 216.7 mg of pazopanib hydrochloride equivalent to 200 mg of pazopanib. The tablet 200 mg tablet is modified capsule-shaped, gray, film-coated with -GS JT|| debossed on one side. Pazopanib will be supplied according to local practice.

16.8.6 *Axitinib*

Axitinib is supplied as red, film-coated 1 mg and 5 mg tablets. The 1 mg tablet is oval-shaped and debossed with -Pfizer|| on one side and -1 XNB|| on the other side. The 5 mg tablet is triangular-shaped, debossed with -Pfizer|| on one side and -5 XNB|| on the other side. Axitinib will be supplied according to local practice.

16.8.7 *Cabozatinib*

Cabozantinib tablets are supplied as 60mg, 40mg, and 20mg yellow, film-coated tablets. The 60-mg tablets are oval shaped with no score, debossed with -XL|| on one side and -60|| on the other side of the tablet. The 40 mg tablets are triangle shaped with no score, debossed with -XL|| on one side and -40|| on the other side of the tablet. The 20 mg tablets are round shaped with no score, debossed with -XL|| on one side and -20|| on the other side of the tablet. Cabozatinib is supplied according to local practice.

16.9 **Storage**

16.9.1 *Everolimus*

Everolimus tablets should be stored at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted between 15°C–30°C (59°F–86°F). Tablets should be stored in the original container, protected from light and moisture. Follow special handling and disposal procedures for anticancer pharmaceuticals.

16.9.2 *Sunitinib*

Sunitinib may be light-sensitive; capsules will be stored in the bottles in which they are received to protect the compound from light. Sunitinib capsules should be stored at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15°C-30°C (59°F-86°F).

16.9.3 *Sorafenib*

Sorafenib tablets will be stored in a dry place at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15°C–30°C (59°F–86°F).

16.9.4 Temsirolimus

Temsirolimus must be stored under refrigeration at 2°–8°C (36°–46°F) and protected from light. During handling and preparation of admixtures, temsirolimus should be protected from excessive room light and sunlight. Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration, whenever solution and container permit.

16.9.5 Pazopanib

Pazopanib tablets will be stored at room temperature between 20°C and 25°C (68°F to 77°F); excursions permitted to 15°C–30°C (59°F–86°F).

16.9.6 Axitinib

Axitinib tablets will be stored at 20°C–25°C (68°F–77°F); excursions permitted to 15°C–30°C (59°F–86°F).

16.9.7 Cabozatinib

Cabozatinib is stored at 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F); excursions are permitted from 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F).

16.10 Monitoring of Toxicities

Any AE/SAE not listed in the CTCAE version 4.0 will be graded as follows:

Severity of Event	
Grade	Definition
1	Mild: Symptoms which do not interfere with patient's daily activities
2	Moderate: Symptoms which may interfere with patient's daily activities
3	Severe: Events which interrupt patient's usual daily activities
4	Life-threatening or disabling
5	Death

Medically significant adverse events considered related to the study treatment will be followed until resolved or considered stable.

It will be left to the investigator's clinical judgment to determine whether an adverse event is related and of sufficient severity to require the subject's removal from treatment or from the study. A subject may also voluntarily withdraw from treatment due to what he or she perceives as an intolerable adverse event. If either of these situations arises, the subject should be strongly encouraged to undergo medical supervision until symptoms cease or the condition becomes stable.

16.10.1 Management of stomatitis/oral mucositis/mouth ulcers

Stomatitis/oral mucositis/mouth ulcers due to everolimus should be treated using local supportive care. Please note that investigators in earlier trials have described the oral toxicities associated with the everolimus as mouth ulcers, rather than mucositis or stomatitis. If your examination reveals mouth ulcers rather than a more general inflammation of the mouth, please classified the adverse event as such. Please follow the paradigm below for treatment of stomatitis/oral mucositis/mouth ulcers:

1. For mild toxicity (grade 1), use conservative measures such as non-alcoholic mouthwash or salt water (0.9%) mouthwash several times a day until resolution.
2. For more severe toxicity (grade 2 in which case patients have pain but are able to maintain adequate oral alimentation, or grade 3 in which case patients cannot maintain adequate oral alimentation), the suggested treatments are topical analgesic mouth treatments (i.e., local

anesthetics such as benzocaine, butyl amino benzoate, tetracaine hydrochloride, menthol, or phenol) with or without topical corticosteroids, such as triamcinolone oral paste 0.1% (Kena-log in orabase).

3. Agents containing hydrogen peroxide, iodine, and thyme derivatives may tend to worsen mouth ulcers. It is preferable to avoid these agents.
4. Antifungal agents should be avoided unless a fungal infection is diagnosed. In particular, systemic imidazole antifungal agents (ketoconazole, fluconazole, itraconazole, etc.) should be avoided in all patients due to their strong inhibition of the everolimus metabolism, thereby leading to higher everolimus exposures. Therefore, topical antifungal agents are preferred if an infection is diagnosed. Similarly, antiviral agents such as acyclovir should be avoided unless a viral infection is diagnosed.

Note: stomatitis/oral mucositis should be appropriately graded using the functional grading given on the NCI-CTC for adverse events, version 4.0.

16.10.2 *Management of nausea/vomiting*

Investigators should manage anemia as medically indicated per local standards.

16.10.3 *Management of anemia*

Investigators should manage anemia as medically indicated per local standards.

16.10.4 *Management of diarrhea*

Appearance of diarrhea attributed to therapy-related toxicity may be treated with loperamide or per local standards.

16.10.5 *Management of Hypertension*

Severity	Action
A: symptomatic sustained SBP ≥ 160 and < 170 mmHg, or DBP ≥ 90 and < 110 mmHg, or clinically significant decrease in tech DBP of ≥ 20 mg of mercury.	Step 1. Continue steady medication at the same dose. Step 2. Adjust current dose of or initiate new antihypertensive medication(s). Step 3. Titrate antihypertensive medications during next 2 weeks as indicated to achieve well-controlled blood pressure. If blood pressure is not well-controlled within 2 weeks, follow step 1 in scenario B.
B: Symptomatic, or SBP ≥ 170 mg of mercury or DBP ≥ 110 mg of mercury, or failure to achieve well-controlled blood pressure within 2 weeks in scenario A.	Step 1. Interrupt study medication. Step 2. Adjust current or initiate new antihypertensive medications. Step 3. Titrate antihypertensive medications during next 2 weeks as indicated to achieve well-controlled BP. Step 4. Restart study medication at the same dose or lower dose at discretion of investigator once BP is well-controlled. Dose adjustment for discontinuation of antihypertensive medications may be necessary during scheduled to week off-treatment..

C: Two or more symptomatic episodes of hypertension despite modification of antihypertensive medications and production of study medication dose. Discontinuation of study medication and follow-up per protocol.

Well-controlled blood pressure defined as meaning SBP <160 mmHg and meaning DBP <90 mmHg.

16.10.6 *Management of Fatigue (lethargy, malaise, asthenia)*

Severity	Action
Grades 1 and 2	Continue study medication at same dose; monitor as clinically indicated.
Grades 3 and 4	Step 1. Interrupt study medication until toxicity reduced to ≤grade 2. Step 2. Restart study medication at the same dose or lower dose at discretion of investigator.

16.10.7 *Management of infections*

Tyrosine kinase and mTOR inhibitors have immunosuppressive properties and may predispose patients to infections, especially infections with opportunistic pathogens. Localized and systemic infections, including pneumonia, other bacterial infections and invasive fungal infections, such as aspergillosis or candidiasis, have been reported. Some of these infections have been severe (e.g., leading to respiratory failure) and occasionally have had a fatal outcome. Investigator will monitor close for symptoms and signs of infection, and institute treatment promptly. If a diagnosis of invasive systemic fungal infection is made, therapy will be stopped and permanently discontinued and the patient treated with appropriate antifungal therapy.

16.10.8 *Management of noninfectious pneumonitis*

Both asymptomatic radiological changes (grade 1 = radiological long changes only) and symptomatic noninfectious pneumonitis (grade 2 = not interfering with activities of daily living; grade 3 = interfering with activities of daily living and oxygen indicated) have been noted in patients receiving everolimus and sorafenib therapy. If noninfectious pneumonitis develops, consultation with a pulmonologist is recommended. Record the non-infectious pneumonitis on the adverse event eCRF. If investigator finds that noninfectious pneumonitis associated with therapy, dose modification will be made and corticosteroid initiated as appropriate per local standards.

16.10.9 *Management of thyroid dysfunction*

Baseline laboratory measurement of thyroid function will be obtained prior to therapy initiation. Patients will be observed closely for signs and symptoms of thyroid dysfunction. Routine thyroid function test will be conducted at each appointment. Treatment will follow standard medical practice.

16.10.10 *Hemorrhage/bleeding/coagulopathy*

Severity	Action
Grade 1	Continue study medication at same dose; monitor as clinically indicated.
Grade 2	Step 1. Interrupt study medication until the adverse event resolves to ≤Grade 1. Step 2. Restart medication with lower dose; monitor as

clinically indicated.

Grade 3 or 4, or recurrent \geq Grade 2 event after dose interruptions/reduction

Discontinuation of study medication and follow-up per protocol. Note: if abnormality is not clearly associated with clinical consequences, contact the Novartis medical monitor to discuss the potential for continuation of study treatment. If agreed, subject may restart medication at lower dose.

16.10.11 Venous thrombosis

Severity	Action
Grade 2	Continue study medication with same dose; monitor as clinically indicated.
Grade 3 or asymptomatic Grade 4	Step 1. Interrupt study medication at same goes during the period of full-dose anticoagulant and if all of the following criteria are met: the subject must have been treated with an anticoagulant (enoxaparin preferred, but warfarin may be used) for at least 1 week. No Grade 3 or 4 hemorrhagic events have occurred while on anticoagulant should treatment. Subject should be monitored as clinically indicated during anticoagulant should treatment and after resuming study medication.
Symptomatic Grade 4	Discontinuation of study medication and follow-up per protocol.

16.10.12 Arterial thrombosis

Severity	Action
Any Grade	Discontinuation of study medication and follow-up per protocol

16.11 Management of Everolimus-specific toxicities

Management of hyperlipidemia and hyperglycemia

Treatment of hyperlipidemia should take into account the pre-treatment status and dietary habits. Lead tests to monitor hyperlipidemia must be taken in the fasting state. Grade 2 hypercholesterolemia (>300 milligrams per deciliter or 7.75 mmol/L) or grade 2 hypertriglyceridemia (greater than 2.5 times ULN) will be treated with a 3-hydroxy-3-methyl-glutaryl (HMG)-CoA reductase inhibitor (e.g.,

atorvastatin, pravastatin) or appropriate lipid-lowering medication, in addition to diet. Patients will be closely monitored.

Grade 3 hyperglycemia has been observed in patients perceiving the everolimus therapy. Based on this finding, it is suggested that optimal glucose control be achieved before starting a patient on everolimus and should be monitored during everolimus therapy.

16.12 Management of sunitinib-specific toxicities

The following sunitinib-related toxicities are graded according to NCI common terminology criteria for adverse events version 4.0.

Left ventricular dysfunction

Severity	Action
Grade 1	Continue at the same dose level
Grade 2	Continue at the same dose level. If a symptomatic decrease of left and right ventricular ejection fraction by absolute value of 20% and to less than the lower limit of normal. And or non-urgent and right ventricular ejection fraction is more dysrhythmia requiring intervention: step 1. enter route study medication until toxicity reduced to less than grade 1. Step 2. Restart treatment with lower dose; monitor as clinically indicated.
Grade 3	Step 1. Interrupt study medication until toxicity reduced to less than grade 1. Step 2. Restart medication with lower dose: monitor as clinically indicated.
Grade 4	Discontinuation of study medication and follow-up per protocol.

In the presence of clinical manifestations of congestive heart failure, discontinuation of sunitinib is recommended.

Hand-foot syndrome

Severity	Action
Grades 1 and 2	Continue study medication at same dose; monitor as clinically indicated.
Grade 3	Step 1. Interrupt study medication until toxicity reduced to ≤Grade 1. Step 2. Restart study medication at lower dose or discontinue at discretion of investigator.
Grade 4	Step 1. Interrupt study medication until toxicity reduced to ≤Grade 2. Step 2. Restart study medication at lower dose or discontinue at discretion of investigator.

Management of Abnormal Laboratory Results:

All clinically important abnormal laboratory tests occurring during the study will be repeated at appropriate intervals until they return either to baseline or to a level deemed acceptable by the investigator and the medical monitor, or until a diagnosis that explains them is made. The criteria for determining whether or not an abnormal laboratory test result should be reported as an adverse event are as follows:

1. Test results is associated with accompanying symptoms, and/or

2. Test result requires additional diagnostic testing or medical/surgical intervention (merely repeating an abnormal test, in the absence of any of the above conditions, does not meet criteria for reporting and an AE), and/or
3. Test result leads to a change in study dosing or discontinuation from the study, significant additional concomitant drug treatment or other therapy, and/or
4. Test result leads to any of the outcomes included in the definition of a serious adverse event, and/or
5. Test result is considered to be an adverse event by the investigator or sponsor

Any abnormal test result that is determined to be an error does not require reporting as an adverse event, even if it did meet one of the above conditions except for condition #4. Clinically significant laboratory results must be recorded in the patient's CRF.

16.13 Follow-up for toxicities

Patients whose study medication is temporarily interrupted or discontinued due to an adverse event or abnormal laboratory value, should be followed at least once per week for 4 weeks, and subsequently at 2-week intervals, until resolution, stabilization of the event, or until the initiation of another anticancer therapy (second-line or initiation of a post-study third-line anticancer therapy), whichever comes first.

If the patient requires a dose delay of >21 days for everolimus due to an adverse event or abnormal laboratory value, from the intended day of the next scheduled dose, the patient should be discontinued from the specific line of treatment (first-line and/or second-line).

If the patient requires a dose delay of >21 days for sunitinib or if the delay coincides with the 2-week arrest and is >28 days (14 days of rest and 14 additional), the patient should be discontinued from the specific line of treatment (first-line and/or second-line).

For unexpected events that are not related to study medication toxicity (i.e., elective surgeries, personal reasons), up to a maximum of 14 days is acceptable for a dose delay from therapy.

16.14 Dose interruption for surgery or surgical procedures

Temporary interruption of therapy is recommended in patients undergoing major surgical procedures. The decision to resume therapy following major surgical intervention should be based on clinical judgment of adequate wound healing.

16.15 Other concomitant medications

Patients must be instructed not to take any additional medications (over the counter or other products, including nutritional supplements) during the study without prior consultation with approval from the investigator. All medications taken within 35 days of starting study treatment must be reported on the concomitant medication/significations non-drug therapy prior to start of study drug eCRF. The investigator or designee will continue collecting information on the initiation of additional anticancer therapies until the data cutoff date for the final analysis. All new anticancer therapies after the last dose of study treatment will be recorded in the appropriate eCRF.

The investigator should instruct the patient to notify the study center about any new medications he or she takes after the start of the study treatment. All medications (other than study treatment) and significant non-drug therapies (including physical therapy and blood transfusions) administered after the patient starts treatment in the first-line and during the second-line. Must be listed on the concomitant dedications/significant non-drug hairpiece after start of study drug eCRF.

Investigational or commercial anticancer agents other than those included in this trial, are not allowed during the study. The initiation of any non-protocol specific anti-tumor treatment or surgery is considered an indication of disease progression and must be recorded appropriately. Patients would then only be followed for survival.

Everolimus, sunitinib, pazopanib, axitinib, and cabozatinib are metabolized primarily by the cytochrome P450 isoenzyme CYP3A4, to produce its primary active metabolite. Drugs or substances known to be strong inhibitors, strong inducers, or substrates of the isoenzyme CYP3A4 should be avoided unless use of the drug is essential and no substitute is available. For a complete list of drugs which are substrates for CYP3A4, please refer to this website:
<http://medicine.iupui.edu/flockhart/clinlist.htm>.

A strong inhibitor is one that causes a >5-fold increase in the plasma AUC values or >80% decrease in clearance. A moderate inhibitor is one that causes a >2-fold increase in plasma AUC values or 50%-80% decrease in clearance. A weak inhibitor is one that causes a >1.25-fold increase in plasma AUC values or 20%-50% decrease in clearance. (Distinction is not always categorical as interaction can vary according to conditions.)

16.15.1 *Everolimus*

Strong inhibitors should not be co-administered with everolimus. Drugs or substances known to be inhibitors, inducers, or substrates of the isoenzyme CYP3A4 should be avoided unless use of the drug is essential and no substitute is available.

The following concomitant treatment are not allowed during the study:

- Co-administration with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g., ketoconazole, itraconazole, ritonavir), and strong inducers (e.g., rifampin, rifabutin).
- Seville orange, grapefruit, and their juices affect cytochrome P450 and PgP activity.

Co-administration with moderate CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g., erythromycin, fluconazole, calcium channel blockers, benzodiazepines) and strong inducers (e.g., carbamazepine, Phenobarbital, and phenytoin) should also be avoided if possible or otherwise subject to caution (e.g., increased frequency of safety monitoring) and dose adjustment.

If patients have to co-administer strong inducers of CYP3A4, start the dose at 10 mg daily and if well tolerated for the first 2 weeks of treatment, escalate as tolerated by 5 mg dose every 2 weeks to a maximum dose of 20 mg daily. If patient does not tolerate higher doses, reduction to highest tolerated dose is recommended. If the strong inducer is discontinued, the everolimus dose should be returned to the dose used prior to initiation of the strong CYP3A4 inducer.

If patients require co-administration of a moderate CYP3A4 or PgP inhibitor, the everolimus dose should be reduced to 5 mg daily. Further dose reduction to 5 mg every other day may be required to manage adverse reactions.

16.15.2 *Sunitinib*

Strong inhibitors of CYP3A4 may increase sunitinib plasma concentrations and should be avoided unless there is an overriding clinical need. In particular, ketoconazole should be avoided if possible, since a clinical interaction study of sunitinib indicated that up to a 2-fold increase in plasma levels of sunitinib was induced by ketoconazole. Selection of an alternate concomitant medication with no or minimal enzyme inhibition potential is recommended. A dose reduction to a minimum of 37.5 mg daily should be considered if sunitinib must be co-administered with a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor.

Inducers of CYP3A4 may decrease sunitinib plasma concentrations and should be avoided. For example, St. John's wort may decrease the plasma concentrations unpredictably and should not be taken concomitantly. Selection of an alternate concomitant medication with no or minimal enzyme induction potential is recommended.

In addition, concomitant treatment with the following drugs with dysrhythmic potential (i.e., terfenadine, quinidine, procainamide, disopyramide, sotalol, probucol, bepridil, haloperidol, risperidone, and indapamide) is not recommended.

16.15.3 *Sorafenib*

Avoid rifampin as it is a strong CYP3A4 inducer. Co-administration with sorafenib resulted in 37% decrease in the mean AUC of sorafenib. Avoid concomitant use of strong CYP3A4 inducers (such as, carbamazepine, dexamethasone, phenobarbital, phenytoin, rifampin, rifabutin, St. John's wort), when possible, because these drugs can decrease the systemic exposure to sorafenib. Strong inhibitors of CYP3A4 and P-glycoprotein, did not alter the mean AUC of sorafenib.

The aqueous solubility of sorafenib is pH dependent, with higher pH resulting in lower solubility. However, omeprazole, a proton pump inhibitor, administered at a dose of 40 mg once daily for 5 days, did not result in a clinically meaningful change in sorafenib single dose exposure. No dose adjustment for sorafenib is necessary.

16.15.4 *Temsirolimus*

Strong inducers of CYP3A4/5 (eg, dexamethasone, rifampin) and strong inhibitors of CYP3A4 (eg, ketoconazole, atazanavir) may decrease and increase concentrations of the major metabolite of temsirolimus, respectively. If alternatives cannot be used, dose modifications of temsirolimus are recommended.

Avoid St. John's Wort which may decrease temsirolimus plasma concentrations, and grapefruit juice which may increase plasma concentrations of the major metabolite of temsirolimus.

The combination of temsirolimus and sunitinib resulted in dose-limiting toxicity (grade 3/4 erythematous maculopapular rash, and gout/cellulitis requiring hospitalization).

16.15.5 *Pazopanib*

In vitro studies suggested that the oxidative metabolism of pazopanib in human liver microsomes is mediated primarily by CYP3A4, with minor contributions from CYP1A2 and CYP2C8. So, co-administration with strong inhibitors of CYP3A4 (e.g., ketoconazole, ritonavir, clarithromycin) increases pazopanib concentrations and should be avoided. Alternate therapy that does not inhibit CYP3A4 should be considered. If co-administration of a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor is warranted, reduce pazopanib dose to 400 mg.

Grapefruit or grapefruit juice should be avoided as it inhibits CYP3A4 activity and may also increase plasma concentrations of pazopanib.

CYP3A4 inducers CYP3A4 inducers such as rifampin may decrease plasma pazopanib concentrations. Consider an alternate concomitant medication with no or minimal enzyme induction potential. Pazopanib should not be used if chronic use of strong CYP3A4 inducers cannot be avoided. The concomitant use of strong CYP3A4 inducers (e.g., rifampin) may decrease pazopanib concentrations and should be avoided. Consider an alternate concomitant medication with no or minimal enzyme induction potential. Pazopanib should not be used in patients who cannot avoid chronic use of strong CYP3A4 inducers.

Concomitant administration of pazopanib with esomeprazole, a proton pump inhibitor (PPI), decreased the exposure of pazopanib by approximately 40% (AUC and C_{max}). As a result, concomitant use of pazopanib with drugs that raise gastric pH should be avoided. If such drugs are needed, short-acting antacids should be considered in place of PPIs and H₂-receptor antagonists. Separate antacid and pazopanib dosing by several hours to avoid a reduction in pazopanib exposure.

16.15.6 *Axitinib*

Concomitant administration of ketoconazole, a strong inhibitor of CYP3A4/5, increased the plasma AUC. Co-administration of axitinib with strong CYP3A4/5 inhibitors should be avoided. Grapefruit or grapefruit juice may also increase axitinib plasma concentrations and should be avoided. Selection of concomitant medication with no or minimal CYP3A4/5 inhibition potential is recommended. If a strong CYP3A4/5 inhibitor must be co-administered, the dose should be reduced to half the normal dose as this dose reduction is predicted to adjust the axitinib area under the plasma concentration vs time curve (AUC) to the range observed without inhibitors. The subsequent doses can be increased or decreased based on individual safety and tolerability.

Co-administration of rifampin, a strong inducer of CYP3A4/5, reduced the plasma exposure of axitinib. Co-administration of axitinib with strong CYP3A4/5 inducers (e.g., rifampin, dexamethasone, phenytoin, carbamazepine, rifabutin, rifapentin, phenobarbital, and St. John's wort) should be avoided. Selection of concomitant medication with no or minimal CYP3A4/5 induction potential is recommended. Moderate CYP3A4/5 inducers (e.g., bosentan, efavirenz, etravirine, modafinil, and nafcillin) may also reduce the plasma exposure of axitinib and should be avoided if possible.

16.15.7 *Cabozantinib*

Concomitant use of a strong CYP3A4 inhibitors such as grapefruit juice, indinavir, itraconazole, or ketoconazole should be avoided. Ketoconazole (400 mg daily for 27 days) increased single-dose plasma cabozantinib exposure (AUC_{0-inf}) by 38%. If concomitant administration cannot be avoided, reduce cabozantinib dose by 40mg daily. Resume dose that was used prior to initiating the CYP3A4 inhibitor 2 to 3 days after discontinuation of inhibitor.

Concomitant use of a strong CYP3A4 inducer such as rifampin, phenytoin, carbamazepine, phenobarbital, rifabutin, rifapentine, and St. John's Wort should be avoided. Rifampin (600 mg daily for 31 days) decreased single-dose plasma cabozantinib exposure (AUC_{0-inf}) by 77%. If concomitant administration cannot be avoided, increase cabozantinib dose by 40mg daily as tolerated with a maximum dose of 180mg/day. Resume the dose that was used prior to initiating the CYP3A4 inducer 2-3 days after discontinuation of inducer.

Concomitant use with gastric pH modifying agents such as proton pump inhibitor (PPI) esomeprazole (40 mg daily for 6 days) did not have a clinically-significant effect on plasma cabozantinib exposure (AUC).

16.16 STUDY MEDICATION COMPLIANCE

Compliance will be assessed by the investigator or designee at each visit using pill counts for both everolimus and sunitinib. This information should be captured in the source document at each visit.

- Patients will be requested to bring their unused medication, including empty packaging, to the clinic at each visit.
- All doses taken by the patient and all dose changes during the study must be recorded on the Dosage Administration Record eCRF.
- The investigator or designee must keep documentation (overall drug accountability log for the study as well as individual study drug accountability records for each patient). of tablets administered, tablets used, dose changes, dates dispensed, and intervals between visits.
- Drug accountability will be monitored by the field monitor during site visits and at the completion of the study.

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17 APPENDIX F: OBTAINING BIOPSY TISSUE FOR MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS

Biopsy tissue samples are processed by flash freezing in liquid nitrogen (LN₂) and embedding the sample in OCT medium for subsequent frozen tissue sectioning. Embedding in OCT embedding compound followed by flash freezing at -80°C not only preserves DNA, RNA, and protein integrity, but also enables sectioning of the frozen tissue. The advantage of this method is that the frozen OCT containing the specimen can be placed into a cryo-microtome chuck and sectioned. Frozen sections can be mounted on microscope slides and stained to characterize the tissue sample, determine the ratio of tumor to healthy tissue, and, if need be, microdissected to isolate specific cell populations. Expediting the processing is essential in order to ensure tissue integrity, which is the primary goal of the fresh/frozen tissue study. Tissue processing should be done immediately by a trained technician after biopsy is collected.

Procedures to be followed:

1. The biopsy sample will be obtained by the interventional radiology and handed to a research coordinator.
2. The OCT compound is poured into a small plastic tray, the tissue sample is submerged in the compound, and the tray is placed on dry ice for freezing. After hardening of the OCT, the Division of Oncology research coordinator will, if possible, transport OCT-embedded tissue immediately to CompanionDx for molecular analysis. If the tissue needs to be held at UTHealth for any reason (e.g., off-hours), the tissue will be held at -20°C no longer than overnight and transported on dry ice to the Division of Oncology's -80°C freezer at IMM the next day and delivered to CompanionDx at the earliest opportunity.
3. Samples will be de-identified and given a barcode for tracking.
4. At CompanionDx, OCT-embedded tissues will be sectioned using the following procedure:
 - a) Clean work area and cryostat before beginning, wearing clean, sterile gloves.
 - b) Clear all tissue debris from cryostat with pressurized air and a vacuum and then wipe inside surfaces with 100% ethanol.
 - c) Clean all instruments (forceps, brushes, pencils, etc) with 100% ethanol.
 - d) Change blade on cryostat between each block or at least between each different patient or surgical pathology case number. If using nondisposable blades, clean carefully with 100% ethanol or RNA Zap, followed by a rinse with RNase-free water.
 - e) Similar to sectioning paraffin sections place a chuck in stage and advance to fresh blade. Adjust the thickness dial to 5 microns. Shave blocks' face until full representation of tissue appears in shavings. Tease fine sections away from block with cold, fine-tipped paintbrush. Invert slide over section and allow section to melt to slide. Dip section 5 times in room temperature acetone; briefly air dry, then replace slide in cryostat. Store cut slides either in cryostat or on dry ice until permanent storage.
5. Storing cut slides: Cut frozen sections should be stored in slide boxes wrapped air-tight in parafilm at -80°C for long-term storage and at -20°C for short-term storage (overnight).
6. After the completion of molecular analysis, tissues will be returned to the Division of Oncology lab for storage, in case molecular analysis needs to run a second time on that tissue block. Storage will be at -80°C.